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# OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

## Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, DCF had 23,082 open cases (1,817 adoption cases and 21,265 clinical cases). A total of 75,752 consumers<sup>1</sup> (36,471 adults and 39,281 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,011 in the Boston Region to 4,888 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, consumer counts decreased 2% and case counts dropped 2%. Over the past four quarters, case and consumer counts have become progressively lower; this is not the usual pattern. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). Despite the recent change in the quarterly pattern, the consumer/caseload numbers continue to follow the change in child abuse and neglect investigations throughout the year. The recent declines in investigations are attributable to the new system of screening in "less serious" reports for initial assessment instead of investigation. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 8, **Fig. 22** on page 57)
- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (8,094) increased 1% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010. The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). (see table below)
- The DCF consumer population (75,752) has decreased 14% since reaching its highest level of 88,568 at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2009. (see table below)

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	28,270	1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,872	29,824
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/1999	69,494	39,144	10,134	30,350
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2000	72,423	40,691	9,676	31,732
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,955	33,047
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2002	70,688	38,442	10,033	32,246
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2003	75,247	40,341	10,233	34,906
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2004	77,368*	42,023*	9,967*	35,345*
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2005	77,305*	41,773*	9,709*	35,572*
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2006	78,014*	41,690*	9,459*	36,324*
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2007	78,535*	41,550*	9,109*	36,985*
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,281	41,446
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,694	42,280
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	9/2009	80,594	41,916	8,413	38,678
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351	12/2009	77,200	40,095	8,024	37,105
					3/2010	75,752	39,281	8,094	36,471

\* revised counts

Source: ASSIST (6/1983-1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998-3/2010)

<sup>1</sup> Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

### **Consumers in Placement**

- There were 9,708 individuals in placement on the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010. Included in this count are 8,094 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,614 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 12% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 21% (or 8,094) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 22% in the Northeast, 21% in the West, 20% in Metro, 20% in the Southeast, 19% in Central, and 19% in Boston. **(Table 2 on page 9)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield and Greenfield Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, North Central, Taunton/Attleboro, and Harbor Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, the number of children in placement rose 1% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -1% in Boston to 3% in the West. In the past, decreases in quarterly counts of children in placement occurred most often in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters while increases were more common in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. **(Fig. 3 on page 10)**

### **Children Not in Placement**

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, there were 31,187 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, counts of children not in placement decreased 3% statewide. Regional changes ranged from -2% in the West, Southeast, and Central to -5% in Boston. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). **(Fig. 4 on page 10)**

### **Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers**

- On the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, the consumer population included 39,281 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 36,471 (48%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-five percent (13,910) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5 on page 11)**

- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 56% of all adults receiving services were female. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 54% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 14% of consumers. Selection of “Unable to Determine” for race often coincides with self-identification as Hispanic/Latino. Race was not recorded (missing) for 10% of consumers. **(Tables 3A and 3B on page 12, Figs. 6A and 6B on page 13)**
- Of the total consumer population, 25% (19,232 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 4% of DCF consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded (missing) for 13% of DCF consumers. **(Table 3B on page 12, Figs. 6C and 6D on page 14)**
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 44% Black and 22% White consumers (4,254 and 2,095 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (659 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- The West, Northeast, Central, and Boston Regions had the highest numbers (and proportions) of consumers who were Hispanic/Latino and whose race could not be determined. **(Tables 3A and 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D)**

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

<b>Table A.</b>		<b>Children Less than 18 Years Old</b>							
<b>Race</b>	<b>State Census<sup>2</sup> 2000</b>	<b>DCF Not in Substitute Care 3/31/10</b>	<b>DCF All in Substitute Care* 3/31/10</b>	<b>DCF Foster Care 3/31/10</b>	<b>DCF Congregate Care** 3/31/10</b>	<b>DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 3/31/10</b>	<b>DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 3/31/10</b>	<b>DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2009</b>	<b>DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2009</b>
White	79%	55%	58%	58%	59%	58%	63%	64%	61%
Black	7%	17%	19%	19%	22%	17%	19%	13%	19%
Asian	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	----	----	----	----
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	6%	7%	4%	9%	6%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	14%	14%	13%	15%	10%	14%	13%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	31,187	8,094	6,159	1,554	2,419	576	782	554
Hispanic Origin <sup>3</sup> Yes	11%	32%	27%	27%	25%	28%	23%	21%	20%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	61%	68%	67%	71%	66%	73%	70%	73%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	8%	5%	6%	4%	7%	4%	8%	6%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

\*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DCF retains custody of the child. \*\*Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

<sup>3</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic



**Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts<sup>4</sup>**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Boston</b>	<b>Worcester</b>	<b>Springfield</b>	<b>Lowell</b>	<b>Lynn</b>	<b>Brockton</b>	<b>New Bedford</b>	<b>Fall River</b>	<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>Quincy</b>	<b>Newton</b>
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi- Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/ Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin <sup>5</sup> Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

<sup>4</sup> Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

<sup>5</sup> Children of any race who are Hispanic

## Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Boston, and Northeastern Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,171 consumers), 9% (918), and 8% (904), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 251 DCF consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston and Central), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4** on page 15)
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and March 2010, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others. The most significant changes were a 29% gain in Cape Verdean speakers and 27% drop in Khmer (Cambodian) speakers. The number of Laotian-speaking consumers rose from 20 to 32. During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 4%.

## STATEWIDE

Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Mar. 2010 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	68,791	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,480	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	259	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	301	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	237	106%	-28%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	189	42%	-41%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	138	87%	-39%
Chinese	71	61	54	66	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	47	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	32	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,212	46%	371%
<b>Total</b>	66,087	75,317	78,720	75,752	14%	5%

\* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>	Other <sup>(2)</sup>	
Adoption	385	258	279	214	325	192	162	2	1,817
Clinical	4,448	3,092	3,323	2,938	4,563	2,819	3	79	21,265
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,833</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>4,888</b>	<b>3,011</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>23,082</b>
<b>Consumer Counts:</b>									
<b>Adults: <sup>(3)</sup></b>									
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	251	178	323	224	308	247	---	40	1,571
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	1	1	4	1	3	10	---	13	33
On the Run	1	1	1	1	2	4	---	---	10
<b>Total in Placement</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,614</b>
Not in Placement	7,632	5,184	5,029	4,746	7,788	4,469	---	9	34,857
<b>Total Adults</b>	<b>7,885</b>	<b>5,364</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>4,972</b>	<b>8,101</b>	<b>4,730</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>36,471</b>
<b>Children:</b>									
In Placement: <sup>(4)</sup> Foster/Congregate Care <sup>(5)</sup>	1,712	1,128	1,248	923	1,531	879	262	30	7,713
Other <sup>(6)</sup>	34	31	45	29	32	36	1	5	213
On the Run	50	13	28	17	28	32	---	---	168
<b>Total in Placement</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8,094</b>
Not in Placement	6,951	5,009	4,735	3,941	6,529	4,008	10	4	31,187
<b>Total Children</b>	<b>8,747</b>	<b>6,181</b>	<b>6,056</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>8,120</b>	<b>4,955</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39,281</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,632</b>	<b>11,545</b>	<b>11,413</b>	<b>9,882</b>	<b>16,221</b>	<b>9,685</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>75,752</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

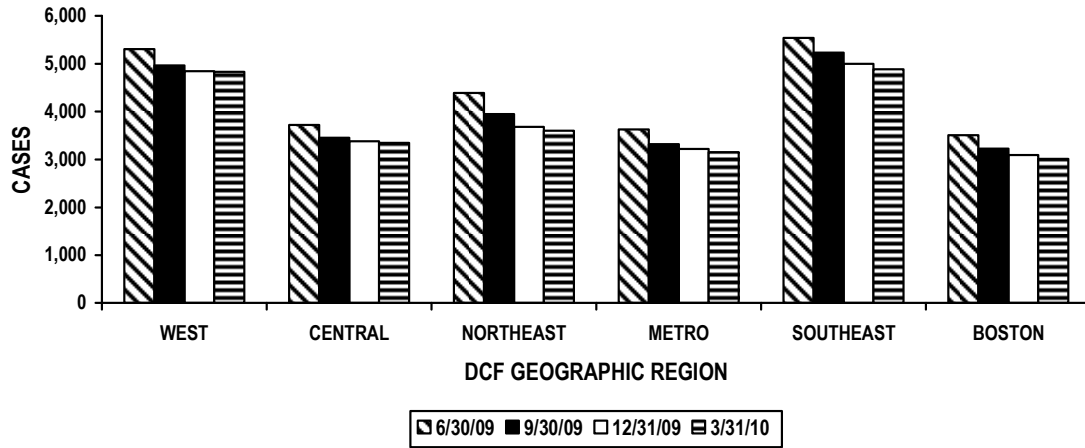
<sup>(3)</sup> Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

<sup>(4)</sup> Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

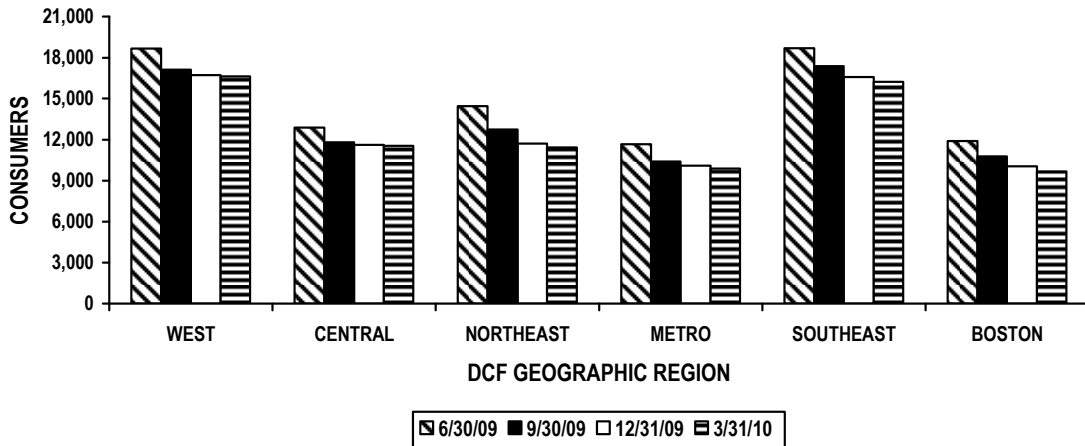
<sup>(5)</sup> See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

<sup>(6)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DCF REGION**  
**(FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION**  
**(FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**

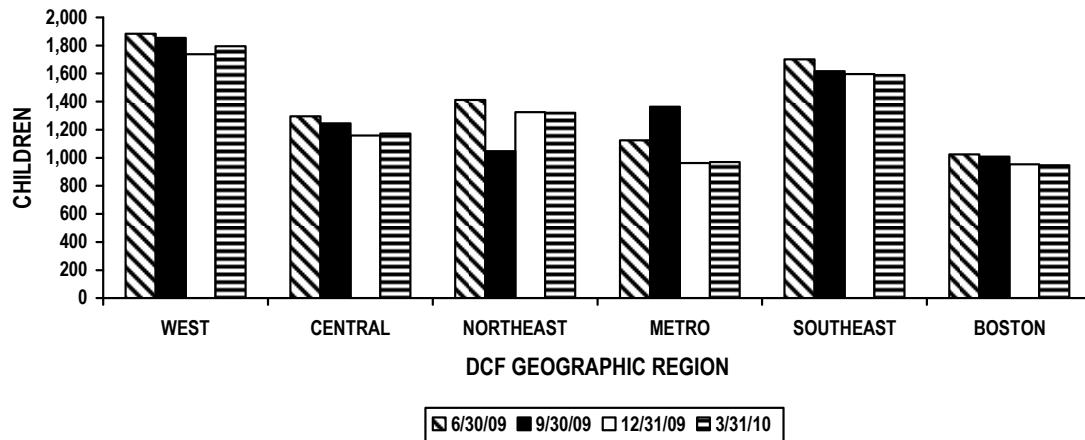


**TABLE 2. CHILD<sup>(1)</sup> CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY2010, End of 3RD QUARTER 3/31/10)**

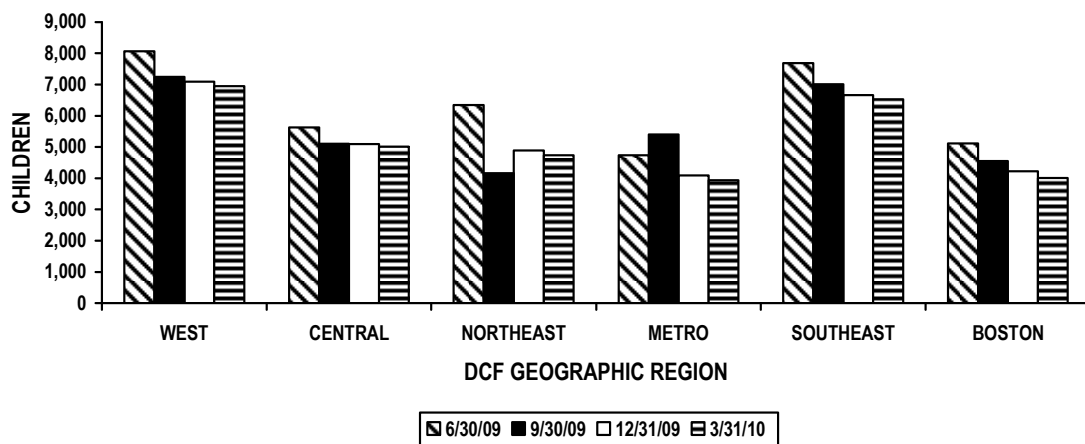
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	819	305	1,124	27%
Holyoke	1,317	339	1,656	20%
Pittsfield	808	365	1,173	31%
Robert Van Wart	2,007	377	2,384	16%
Springfield	1,991	407	2,398	17%
Contracted Agencies	9	3	9	33%
<b>West</b>	<b>6,951</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>8,747</b>	<b>21%</b>
North Central	1,513	291	1,804	16%
South Central	895	241	1,136	21%
Worcester East	1,483	344	1,827	19%
Worcester West	1,109	294	1,403	21%
Contracted Agencies	9	2	11	18%
<b>Central</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>6,181</b>	<b>19%</b>
Cape Ann	767	214	981	22%
Haverhill	692	176	868	20%
Lawrence	988	222	1,210	18%
Lowell	1,397	432	1,829	24%
Lynn	885	275	1,160	24%
Contracted Agencies	6	2	8	25%
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>4,735</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>6,056</b>	<b>22%</b>
Arlington	638	164	802	20%
Cambridge	703	141	844	17%
Coastal	789	229	1,018	22%
Framingham	707	209	916	23%
Malden	1,104	225	1,329	17%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	1	100%
<b>Metro</b>	<b>3,941</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>4,910</b>	<b>20%</b>
Brockton	1,039	250	1,289	19%
Cape Cod	862	219	1,081	20%
Fall River	1,176	358	1,534	23%
New Bedford	1,653	374	2,027	18%
Plymouth	910	215	1,125	19%
Taunton/Attleboro	881	171	1,052	16%
Contracted Agencies	8	4	12	33%
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>6,529</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>8,120</b>	<b>20%</b>
Dimock Street	735	229	964	24%
Harbor	1,271	234	1,505	16%
Hyde Park	802	196	998	20%
Park Street	1,192	283	1,475	19%
Contracted Agencies	8	5	13	38%
<b>Boston</b>	<b>4,008</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>4,955</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Adoption Contracts<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>10</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Other<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,187</b>	<b>8,094</b>	<b>39,281</b>	<b>21%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts and Division of Field Ops. and Support.

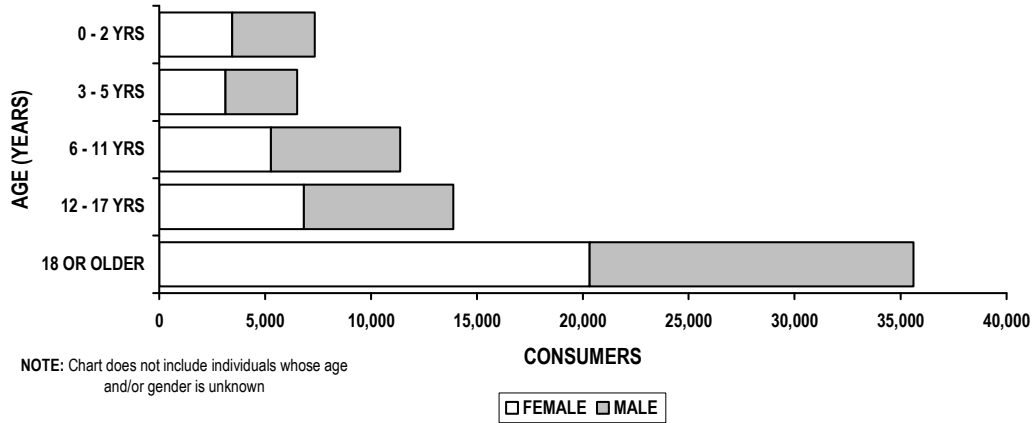
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	
0 - 2	3,450	3,898	38	7,386
3 - 5	3,129	3,384	24	6,537
6 - 11	5,279	6,110	38	11,427
12 - 17	6,829	7,053	28	13,910
18 or older	20,315	15,291	468	36,074
Unspecified <sup>(1)</sup>	70	186	162	418
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,072</b>	<b>35,922</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>75,752</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Unspecified includes 397 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 21 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 758 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

**TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
White	8,738	53%	7,309	63%	6,453	57%	5,794	59%	10,563	65%	2,095	22%	131	48%	7	7%	41,090	54%
Black	1,858	11%	1,018	9%	1,038	9%	1,741	18%	2,432	15%	4,254	44%	55	20%	49	49%	12,445	16%
Asian	51	*	148	1%	659	6%	259	3%	99	1%	238	2%	2	1%	32	32%	1,488	2%
Native American	18	*	26	*	19	*	14	*	64	*	12	*	1	*	---	---	154	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	17	*	9	*	13	*	3	*	12	*	12	*	---	---	---	---	66	*
Multi-Racial	415	2%	447	4%	426	4%	235	2%	576	4%	154	2%	28	10%	---	---	2,281	3%
Unable to Determine	2,996	18%	1,753	15%	2,065	18%	946	10%	1,031	6%	1,953	20%	56	21%	12	12%	10,812	14%
Missing	2,539	15%	835	7%	740	6%	890	9%	1,444	9%	967	10%	---	---	1	1%	7,416	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,632</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,545</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,413</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,882</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,685</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>75,752</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>		Other <sup>(3)</sup>		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Hispanic/Latino <sup>(1)</sup>	5,419	33%	3,287	28%	3,796	33%	1,438	15%	2,215	14%	2,969	31%	87	32%	21	21%	19,232	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	7,807	47%	6,800	59%	6,267	55%	6,490	66%	11,327	70%	5,020	52%	163	60%	75	74%	43,949	58%
Unable to Determine	748	4%	332	3%	328	3%	399	4%	583	4%	364	4%	23	8%	1	1%	2,778	4%
Missing	2,658	16%	1,126	10%	1,022	9%	1,555	16%	2,096	13%	1,332	14%	---	---	4	4%	9,793	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,632</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,545</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,413</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,882</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,685</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>75,752</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

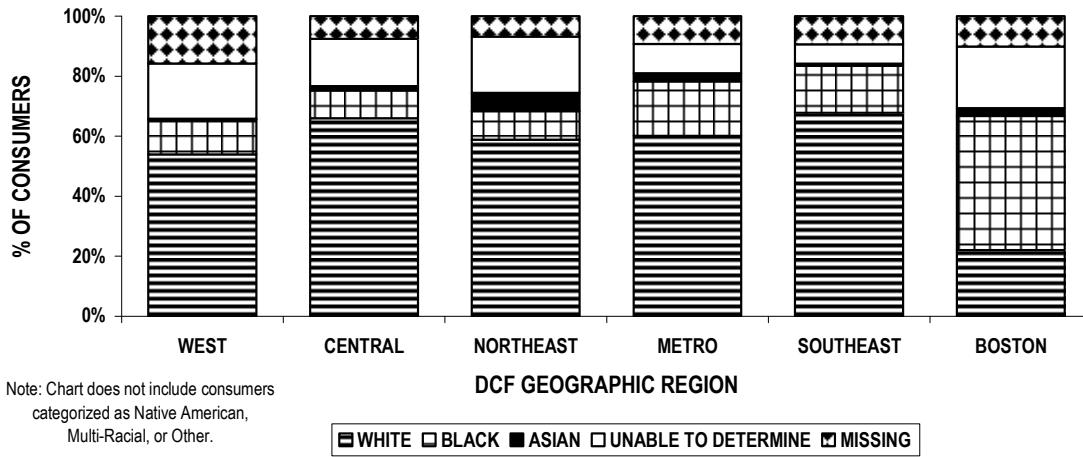
<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

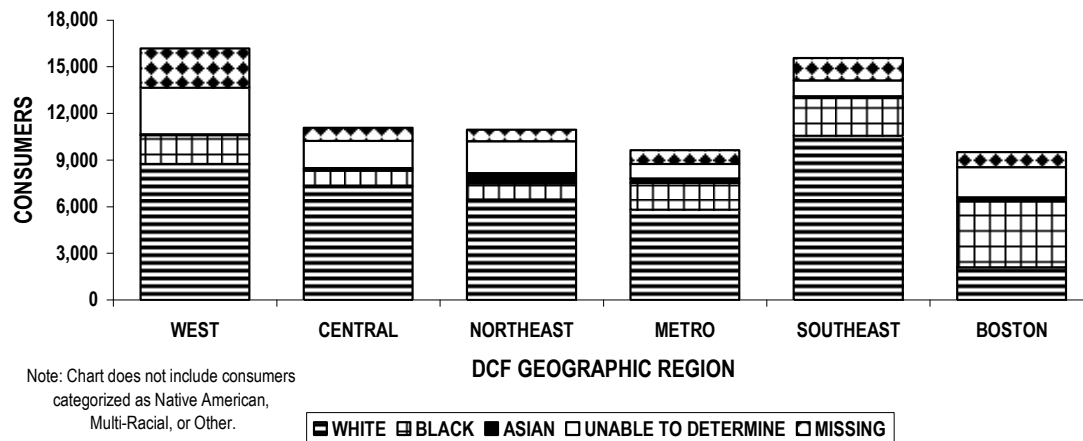
<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.



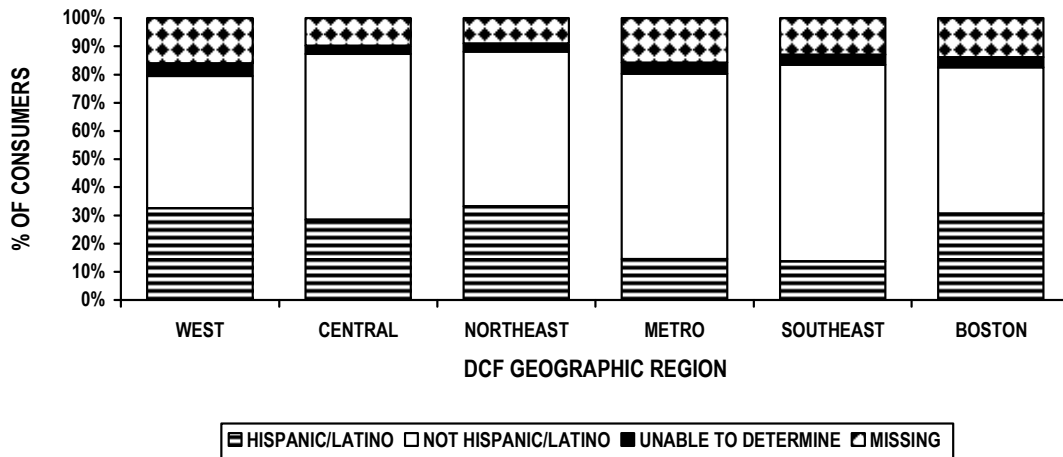
**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



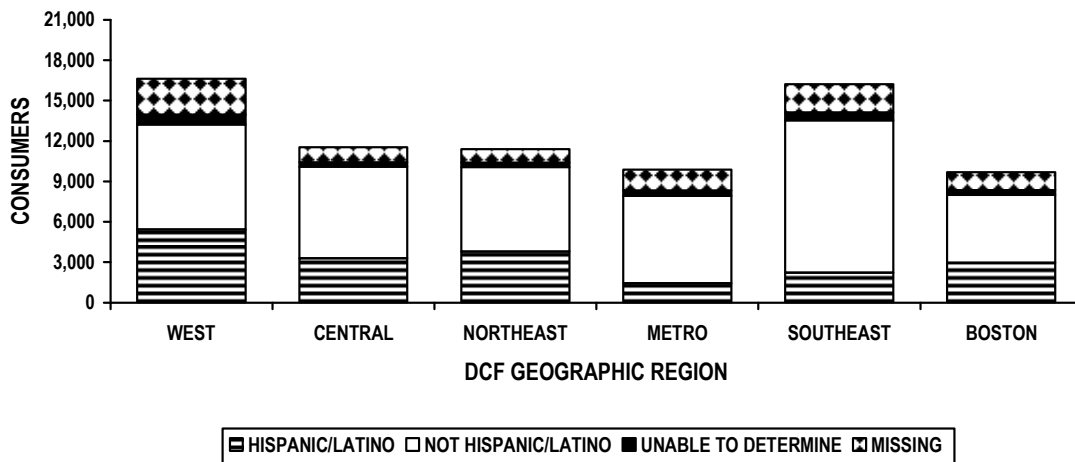
**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
**FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN**  
**FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



**TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,171	7%	718	6%	904	8%	369	4%	370	2%	918	9%	11	4%	19	19%	4,480	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	2	*	1	*	206	2%	3	*	27	*	20	*	---	---	---	---	259	*
Portuguese	3	*	20	*	25	*	109	1%	112	1%	32	*	---	---	---	---	301	*
Haitian Creole	---	---	9	*	7	*	124	1%	38	*	59	1%	---	---	---	---	237	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	2	*	3	*	10	*	106	1%	68	1%	---	---	---	---	189	*
Vietnamese	1	*	37	*	8	*	19	*	3	*	70	1%	---	---	---	---	138	*
Chinese	4	*	6	*	2	*	39	*	---	---	14	*	---	---	1	1%	66	*
Lao	1	*	1	*	30	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	32	*
American Sign Language	6	*	5	*	12	*	7	*	8	*	9	*	---	---	---	---	47	*
Other	312	2%	162	1%	142	1%	171	2%	236	1%	144	1%	1	*	44	44%	1,212	2%
English\Unspecified	15,132	91%	10,584	92%	10,074	88%	9,031	91%	15,321	94%	8,351	86%	261	96%	37	37%	68,791	91%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,632</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,545</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>11,413</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,882</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,685</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>75,752</b>	<b>100%</b>

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<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

## **Profile of Consumers in Placement**<sup>6</sup>

### **Foster and Congregate Care**

- There were 7,369 consumers in foster care and 1,915 consumers in congregate care<sup>7</sup> on the last day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 5A** on page 25)
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (28-34% range across regions). Among regions, the West and Southeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 551 and 419, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 67% to 76% across the regions. The Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 275, 250, and 244, respectively. (**Table 5A**)
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations<sup>8</sup> were primarily adolescents (73-87% regional range). (**Table 5A**)
- There were 2,026 consumers in “Intensive” foster care<sup>9</sup> (IFC) and 5,343 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39% of consumers), kinship (30%), child specific (10%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (14%).<sup>10</sup> (**Table 5B** on page 26)
- The West (444), Southeast (369), and Northeast (367) had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC. (**Table 5B, Fig. 7B** on page 28).
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast. (**Fig. 7B, Table 5B**)

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<sup>6</sup>Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

<sup>7</sup>Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>8</sup>“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

<sup>9</sup>Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

<sup>10</sup> The Departmental foster care category of independent living, represents the payment of the foster care rate directly to the youth to subsidize room and board expenses.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care (and intensive foster care) are displayed for each region in Figure 7A (page 28). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Southeast, Northeast, and Metro had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West and Central. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast and Boston as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (881 consumers), residential (695), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)<sup>11</sup> (339 consumers). **(Table 5C on page 27)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The West, Central, and Northeast had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern Region. **(Fig. 8A on page 29)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast. The Southeast had the most consumers in the residential and STARR programs. **(Fig. 8B on page 29)**
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.<sup>12</sup> **(Table 5C)**
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (409 consumers), group home (322), and independent living (150). **(Table 5C)**
- From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, there was a statewide increase of less than 1% in foster care children and an increase of 1% in congregate care children.<sup>13</sup> Regional changes in the foster care population ranged from -3% in Metro to 2% in the West. Changes in the congregate care population ranged from -2% in Boston to 6% in Metro. **(Figs. 9 and 10 on page 30).**

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<sup>11</sup> Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

<sup>12</sup> Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

<sup>13</sup> Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

- Declines in the numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> quarters. Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since at least 2003 (See table on page 1). In contrast, declines in quarterly counts of children not in placement and total consumers (adults and children) occur predominantly in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The declines in total consumers and children not in placement coincide with the pattern for investigations (**Fig. 22** on page 57).

### **All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)**

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 6A** on page 31, **Fig. 11A** on page 33). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.<sup>14</sup>
- Statewide, 57% of all consumers in placement were White, 21% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race had not been identified for 14% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 26% (2,537 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race had not been identified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. (**Table 6A**)
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 38% to 47%. (**Table 6B** on page 32)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 180 in the Central Region to 328 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)

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<sup>14</sup> Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2009). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates–Characteristics ([www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC-EST2009-02-25.XLS](http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC-EST2009-02-25.XLS))

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (25%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement<sup>15</sup> (APPLA) (20%). Regionally, the Southeast and West had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The Northeast and Southeast had the most consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B** on page 34)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin<sup>16</sup> (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (6%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 3/31/2010, 37% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years<sup>17</sup>, 22% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 41% for 1 year or less. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B**)
- The Northeast had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care<sup>18</sup> for more than two years (41%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (46%). The West and Southeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (839 and 809, respectively). The West and Northeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for more than two years (754 and 681, respectively). (**Table 6B**)
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (41% for Black vs. 39% for Hispanic, 37% for White, 36% for Unable to Determine, 34% for Multi-Racial, 29% for Asian). (**Tables 7A and 7B** on page 35)

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<sup>15</sup> Goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

<sup>16</sup> Goal is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

<sup>17</sup> Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

<sup>18</sup> Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry (home removal) to the Quarter End Date (March 31, 2010).

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010 (“snapshot” on 3/31/10), the median time in continuous care was 1.2 years and the median<sup>19</sup> age was 11.7 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 19 years, the median age of children in care rose from 9 to 12 years while median time in placement remained relatively stable (1.6 to 1.1 years). (See table below)

<b>Children in Placement*</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98**	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99**	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00**	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01**	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04**	12.5	1.5	9,967
6/05**	12.7	1.4	9,709
6/06**	12.7	1.2	9,459
6/07**	12.6	1.2	9,109
6/08	12.1	1.1	9,281
6/09	11.6	1.1	8,694
9/09	11.4	1.1	8,413
12/09	11.7	1.2	8,024
3/10	11.7	1.2	8,094

\* = Children are less than 18 years old.

\*\* = revised statistics

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<sup>19</sup> Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.



- An age breakdown of children in placement by race and Hispanic origin is presented in the following table. The median ages of Black and Asian children were greater than the median ages of White, Hispanic, Unable to Determine, and Multi-Racial children. Median time in care for Black children was slightly longer than median time in care for other minority children and White children. On 3/31/10, 49% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

<b>Children in Placement on 3/31/10*</b>			
<b>Race</b>	<b>Median Age (yrs)</b>	<b>Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
White	11.6	1.1	4,671
Black	13.1	1.3	1,577
Asian	14.5	1.0	165
Native American	10.5	1.0	21
Pacific Islander	----	----	1
Multi-Racial	7.5	1.2	493
Unable to Determine	11.5	1.1	1,164
<b>Missing</b>	----	----	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	11.7	1.2	8,094
Hispanic Origin**	11.8	1.2	2,175

\* = Children are less than 18 years old.

\*\* = Children of any race who are Hispanic

### Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,423 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,399 (58%) were White, 419 (17%) were Black, 26 (1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 214 (9%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 360 (15%) consumers. Twenty-eight percent (667) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A** on page 38)
- The age distribution of 2,423 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 24% age 3-5 years, 33% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C** on page 37, **Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-six percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 44% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-seven percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D** on page 37, **Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-seven percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D**)

- There has been a decline in the number of children<sup>20</sup> in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, the group of “waiting” children dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). From 2001 to 2010, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has fluctuated between 25-30%. On 3/31/2010, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption was 30%. (See table below)

<b>Date mo/yr</b>	<b>Children in Placement</b>	<b>Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption</b>	<b>% of Children with a Goal of Adoption</b>
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864	28%
6/04	9,967*	2,541*	25%
6/05	9,709*	2,483*	26%
6/06	9,459*	2,342*	25%
6/07	9,109*	2,493*	27%
6/08	9,281	2,452	26%
6/09	8,694	2,448	28%
9/09	8,413	2,484	30%
12/09	8,024	2,348	29%
3/10	8,094	2,419	30%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

\* = revised statistics

<sup>20</sup> Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,423 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 37% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-seven percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 12B** on page 39)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2009 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 9% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

	Children in Placement 3/31/10		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	224	654	34%
3 – 5	223	582	38%
6 – 11	305	811	38%
12 – 17	154	372	41%
<b>Total</b>	906	2,419	37%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (63%), 59% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (51% and 47%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 25% in the Northeast to 51% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 12C** on page 40)
- The Metro, Southeastern, and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (86%, 78%, and 73%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 47% in the Northeast to 86% in Metro. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. (**Fig. 12D** on page 40)

**TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Placement Location of Consumers									Total No.
DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other <sup>(2)</sup>			
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
West		1,643		320		86		2,049	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	330	20%	1	*	---	---	331	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	252	15%	1	*	1	1%	254	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	327	20%	36	11%	8	9%	371	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	551	34%	214	67%	75	87%	840	
	18 or older	183	11%	68	21%	2	2%	253	
Central		1,074		232		46		1,352	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	204	19%	---	---	3	7%	207	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	136	13%	1	*	---	---	137	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	236	22%	41	18%	4	9%	281	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	353	33%	157	68%	37	80%	547	
	18 or older	145	14%	33	14%	2	4%	180	
Northeast		1,211		360		78		1,649	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	191	16%	---	---	3	4%	194	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	163	13%	1	*	1	1%	165	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	229	19%	32	9%	9	12%	270	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	388	32%	244	68%	60	77%	692	
	18 or older	240	20%	83	23%	5	6%	328	
Metro		784		363		48		1,195	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	129	16%	---	---	---	---	129	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	92	12%	---	---	1	2%	93	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	154	20%	28	8%	5	10%	187	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	245	31%	275	76%	40	83%	560	
	18 or older	164	21%	60	17%	2	4%	226	
Southeast		1,476		363		65		1,904	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	286	19%	---	---	1	2%	287	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	256	17%	3	1%	---	---	259	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	265	18%	52	14%	3	5%	320	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	419	28%	250	69%	56	86%	725	
	18 or older	250	17%	58	16%	5	8%	313	
Boston		851		275		82		1,208	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	170	20%	---	---	1	1%	171	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	94	11%	1	*	---	---	95	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	133	16%	29	11%	7	9%	169	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	266	31%	186	68%	60	73%	512	
	18 or older	188	22%	59	21%	14	17%	261	
Adoption Contracts <sup>(3)</sup>		260		2		1		263	
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	43	17%	---	---	---	---	43	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	59	23%	---	---	---	---	59	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	109	42%	1	50%	1	100%	111	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	49	19%	1	50%	---	---	50	
Other <sup>(4)</sup>		70		---		18		88	
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1	
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	2	3%	---	---	---	---	2	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	27	39%	---	---	5	28%	32	
	18 or older	40	57%	---	---	13	72%	53	
Total		7,369		1,915		424		9,708	

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

<sup>(3)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Age Group	Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care <sup>(2)</sup>	Other <sup>(3)</sup>	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
West		427	17	141	107	299	115	537	1,643
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	15	3	16	---	72	53	171	330
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	19	---	19	---	82	28	104	252
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	89	---	45	---	71	26	96	327
	(12 - 17 yrs)	266	11	50	3	66	8	147	551
	18 or older	38	3	11	104	8	---	19	183
Central		263	18	92	67	228	69	337	1,074
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	4	2	9	---	57	28	104	204
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	6	1	16	---	41	19	53	136
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	45	1	24	---	70	18	78	236
	(12 - 17 yrs)	169	10	29	---	56	4	85	353
	18 or older	39	4	14	67	4	---	17	145
Northeast		330	37	66	174	294	43	267	1,211
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	31	4	5	---	66	14	71	191
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	24	6	3	---	60	12	58	163
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	56	5	13	---	80	10	65	229
	(12 - 17 yrs)	188	9	37	4	82	7	61	388
	18 or older	31	13	8	170	6	---	12	240
Metro		212	4	52	99	183	41	193	784
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	16	1	8	---	38	19	47	129
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	16	1	5	---	36	3	31	92
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	39	---	7	---	61	14	33	154
	(12 - 17 yrs)	118	1	18	1	40	5	62	245
	18 or older	23	1	14	98	8	---	20	164
Southeast		360	9	96	145	370	67	429	1,476
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	19	1	17	---	85	24	140	286
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	39	---	15	---	101	24	77	256
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	62	---	23	---	90	17	73	265
	(12 - 17 yrs)	189	1	26	2	81	2	118	419
	18 or older	51	7	15	143	13	---	21	250
Boston		257	12	43	123	186	36	194	851
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	18	2	9	---	61	19	61	170
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	26	2	5	---	36	8	17	94
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	54	1	10	---	37	8	23	133
	(12 - 17 yrs)	128	4	12	---	48	1	73	266
	18 or older	31	3	7	123	4	---	20	188
Adoption Contracts <sup>(4)</sup>		77	3	24	---	40	49	67	260
	( 0 - 2 yrs)	4	1	3	---	10	8	17	43
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	12	1	9	---	10	13	14	59
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	34	1	7	---	17	21	29	109
	(12 - 17 yrs)	27	---	5	---	3	7	7	49
Other <sup>(5)</sup>		---	---	5	19	---	---	46	70
	( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	4	---	---	---	23	27
	18 or older	---	---	---	19	---	---	21	40
Total		1,926	100	519	734	1,600	420	2,070	7,369

<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (22 consumers).

<sup>(3)</sup> Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (44 consumers).

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Congregate Care								Total
DCF Geographic Region <sup>(1)</sup>	Group Home			Residential		STARR <sup>(3)</sup>		
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential <sup>(2)</sup>			
West	92	49	22	94	1	62	320	
( 0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	11	3	---	14	---	8	36	
(12 - 17 yrs)	77	23	---	62	1	51	214	
18 or older	4	23	22	18	---	1	68	
Central	64	48	4	64	3	49	232	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	11	7	---	13	---	10	41	
(12 - 17 yrs)	45	31	1	41	1	38	157	
18 or older	8	10	3	10	2	---	33	
Northeast	90	35	55	130	3	47	360	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	16	---	---	13	1	2	32	
(12 - 17 yrs)	71	24	11	92	2	44	244	
18 or older	3	11	44	25	---	---	83	
Metro	34	97	30	128	2	72	363	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	6	4	---	12	---	6	28	
(12 - 17 yrs)	27	77	8	96	1	66	275	
18 or older	1	16	22	20	1	---	60	
Southeast	70	48	13	147	4	81	363	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	2	3	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	19	---	---	18	---	15	52	
(12 - 17 yrs)	49	36	6	91	4	64	250	
18 or older	2	11	7	38	---	---	58	
Boston	59	45	26	111	8	26	275	
( 3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	15	1	---	10	---	3	29	
(12 - 17 yrs)	38	38	3	80	4	23	186	
18 or older	5	6	23	21	4	---	59	
Adoption Contract Region	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	
( 6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	
Total	409	322	150	674	21	339	1,915	

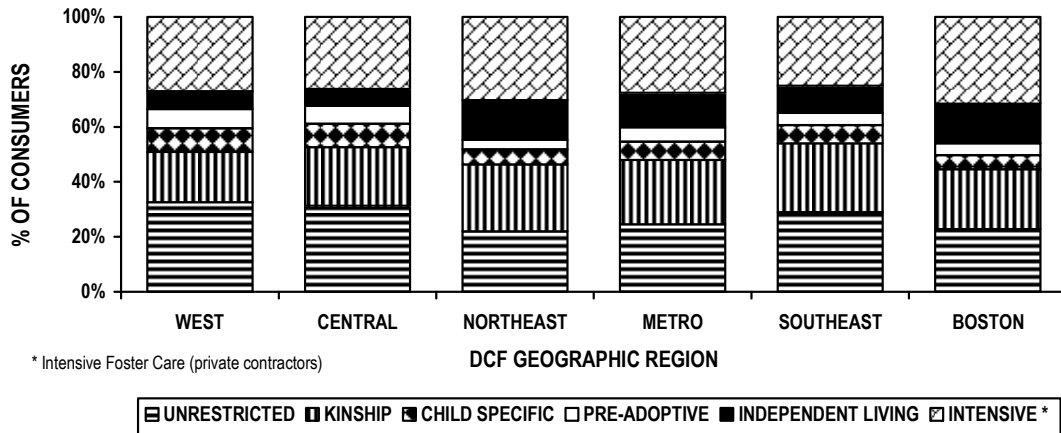
<sup>(1)</sup> Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

<sup>(2)</sup> "Old" taxonomy includes teen pregnancy/parenting group home (24), other (1).

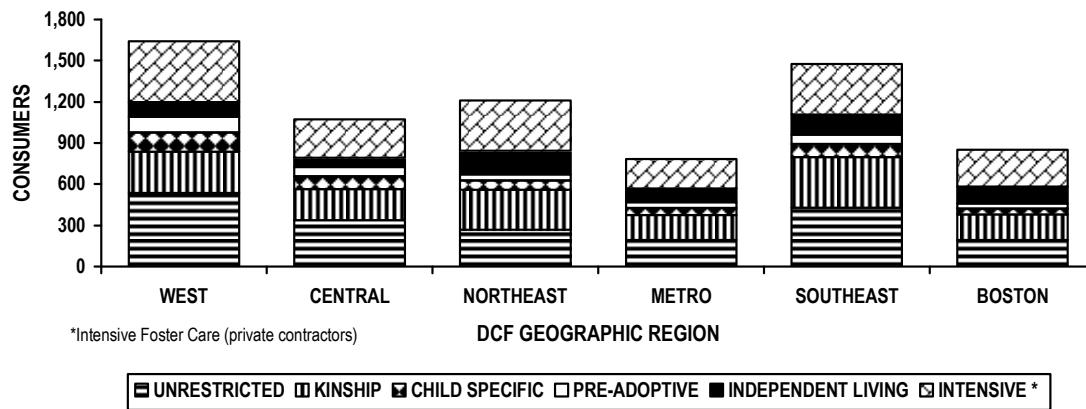
<sup>(3)</sup> STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

<sup>(4)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

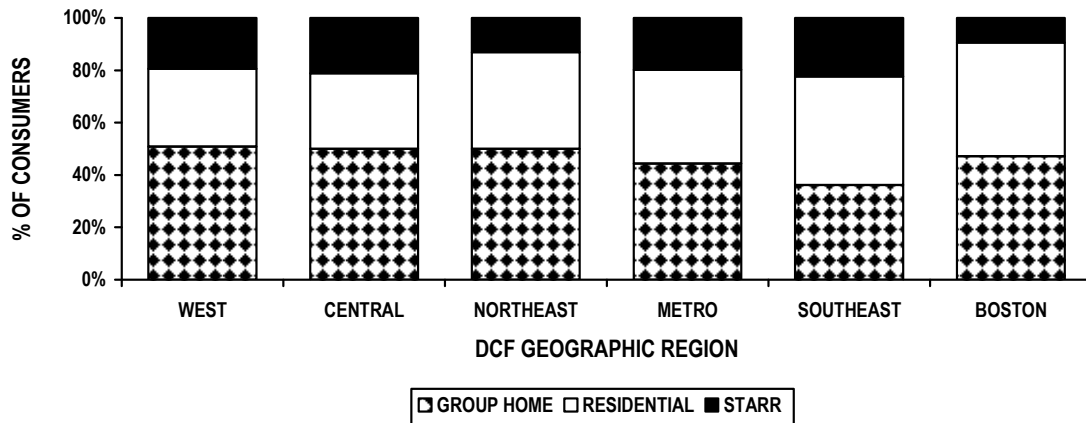


**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

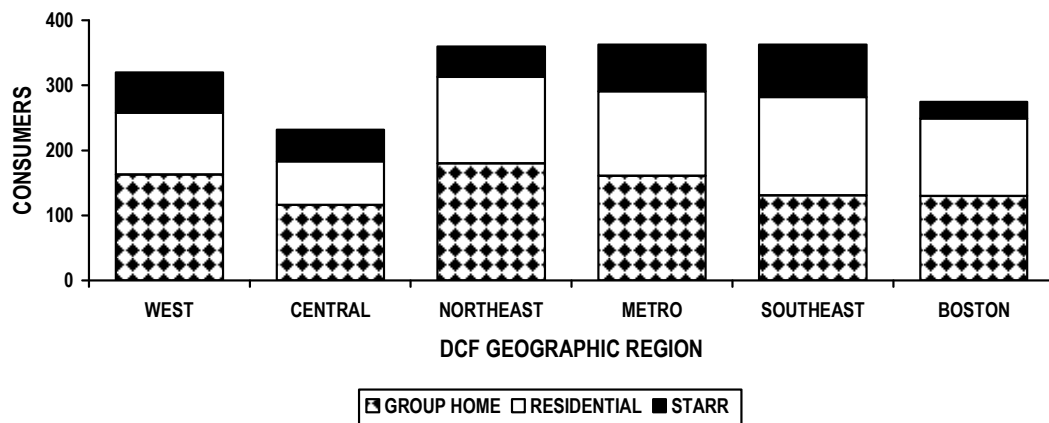




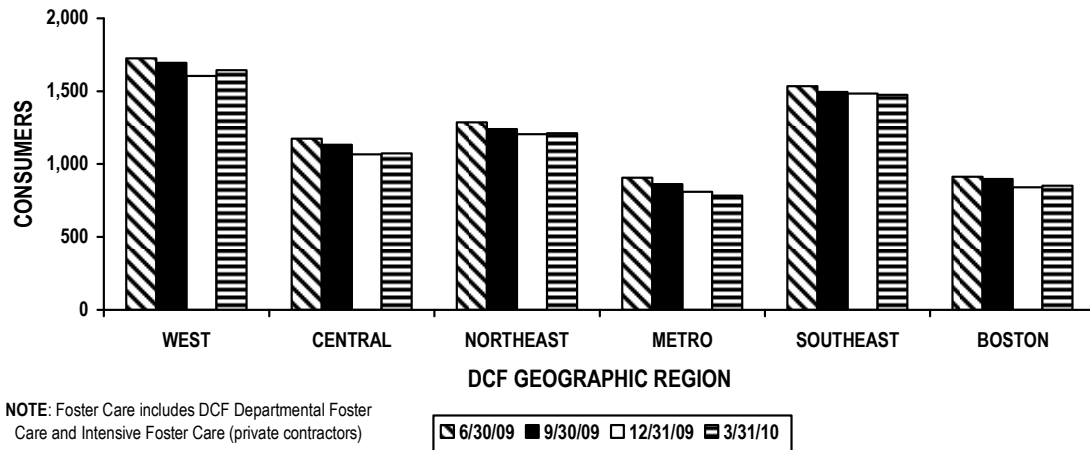
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



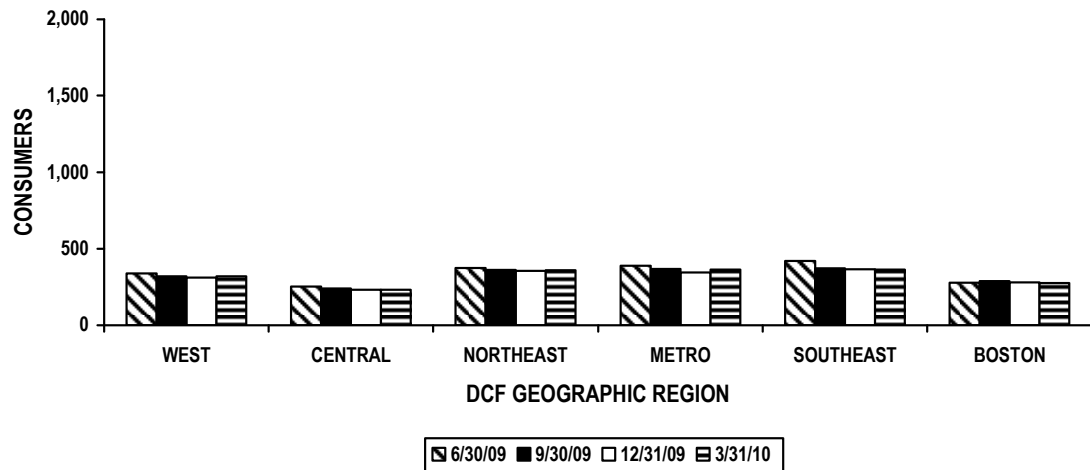
**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS  
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2009, END OF 4TH QUARTER TO FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER)**



**TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:  
FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts <sup>(1)</sup> Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Gender:																		
Female	997	49%	659	49%	775	47%	589	49%	903	47%	604	50%	111	42%	29	33%	4,667	48%
Male	1,052	51%	693	51%	874	53%	606	51%	1,001	53%	604	50%	152	58%	59	67%	5,041	52%
Total	2,049	100%	1,352	100%	1,649	100%	1,195	100%	1,904	100%	1,208	100%	263	100%	88	100%	9,708	100%
Race:																		
White	1,231	60%	886	66%	1,017	62%	763	64%	1,245	65%	286	24%	126	48%	4	5%	5,558	57%
Black	314	15%	145	11%	175	11%	255	21%	360	19%	677	56%	53	20%	43	49%	2,022	21%
Asian	6	*	18	1%	87	5%	27	2%	6	*	32	3%	2	1%	29	33%	207	2%
Native American	4	*	5	*	2	*	1	*	10	1%	2	*	1	*	---	---	25	*
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	102	5%	86	6%	98	6%	46	4%	140	7%	30	2%	27	10%	---	---	529	5%
Unable to Determine	392	19%	212	16%	269	16%	103	9%	141	7%	181	15%	54	21%	12	14%	1,364	14%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	2,049	100%	1,352	100%	1,649	100%	1,195	100%	1,904	100%	1,208	100%	263	100%	88	100%	9,708	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	696	34%	448	33%	539	33%	159	13%	279	15%	312	26%	84	32%	20	23%	2,537	26%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,229	60%	852	63%	1,039	63%	981	82%	1,500	79%	843	70%	158	60%	65	74%	6,667	69%
Unable to Determine	124	6%	52	4%	71	4%	55	5%	125	7%	53	4%	21	8%	---	---	501	5%
Missing	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	3%	3	*
Total	2,049	100%	1,352	100%	1,649	100%	1,195	100%	1,904	100%	1,208	100%	263	100%	88	100%	9,708	100%

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:  
FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts <sup>(1)</sup>					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Age Group:</b>																		
( 0 - 2 yrs)	331	16%	207	15%	194	12%	129	11%	287	15%	171	14%	43	16%	---	---	1,362	14%
( 3 - 5 yrs)	254	12%	137	10%	165	10%	93	8%	259	14%	95	8%	59	22%	1	1%	1,063	11%
( 6 - 11 yrs)	371	18%	281	21%	270	16%	187	16%	320	17%	169	14%	111	42%	2	2%	1,711	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	840	41%	547	40%	692	42%	560	47%	725	38%	512	42%	50	19%	32	36%	3,958	41%
18 or older	253	12%	180	13%	328	20%	226	19%	313	16%	261	22%	---	---	53	60%	1,614	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,904</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,708</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Service Plan Goals:</b>																		
Family Reunification	678	33%	467	35%	502	30%	385	32%	703	37%	391	32%	1	*	---	---	3,127	32%
Adoption	579	28%	381	28%	388	24%	202	17%	392	21%	229	19%	252	96%	---	---	2,423	25%
APPLA <sup>(3)</sup>	315	15%	223	16%	399	24%	275	23%	379	20%	318	26%	---	---	57	65%	1,966	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	152	7%	100	7%	148	9%	129	11%	177	9%	89	7%	---	---	12	14%	807	8%
Guardianship	142	7%	55	4%	94	6%	95	8%	125	7%	89	7%	7	3%	---	---	607	6%
Stabilization of Family	112	5%	82	6%	76	5%	70	6%	95	5%	55	5%	---	---	1	1%	491	5%
Other <sup>(4)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	1	*
Unspecified as of run-date	71	3%	44	3%	42	3%	39	3%	33	2%	37	3%	3	1%	17	19%	286	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,904</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,708</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Continuous Time in Care:</b>																		
(.5 yr or less)	454	22%	360	27%	385	23%	301	25%	439	23%	283	23%	6	2%	11	13%	2,239	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	385	19%	259	19%	255	15%	201	17%	370	19%	205	17%	9	3%	15	17%	1,699	18%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	242	12%	163	12%	184	11%	133	11%	245	13%	143	12%	29	11%	9	10%	1,148	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	214	10%	127	9%	144	9%	112	9%	202	11%	120	10%	55	21%	16	18%	990	10%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	465	23%	260	19%	338	20%	243	20%	360	19%	276	23%	108	41%	25	28%	2,075	21%
> 4 yrs	289	14%	183	14%	343	21%	205	17%	288	15%	181	15%	56	21%	12	14%	1,557	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,904</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9,708</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

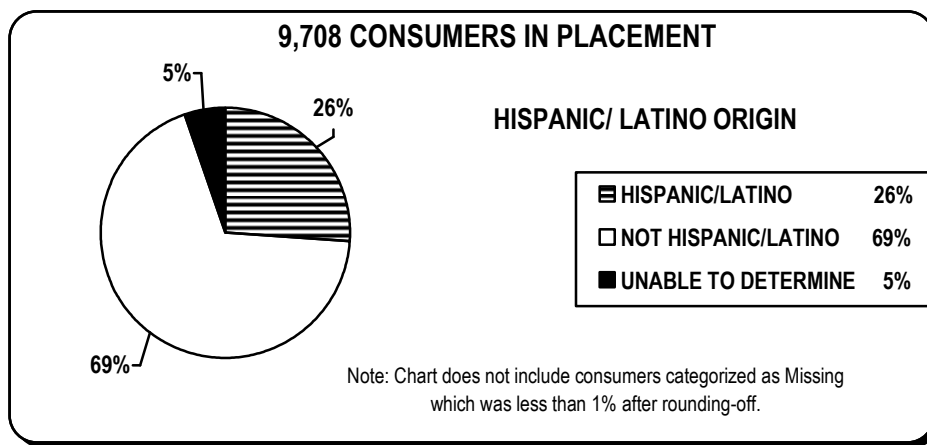
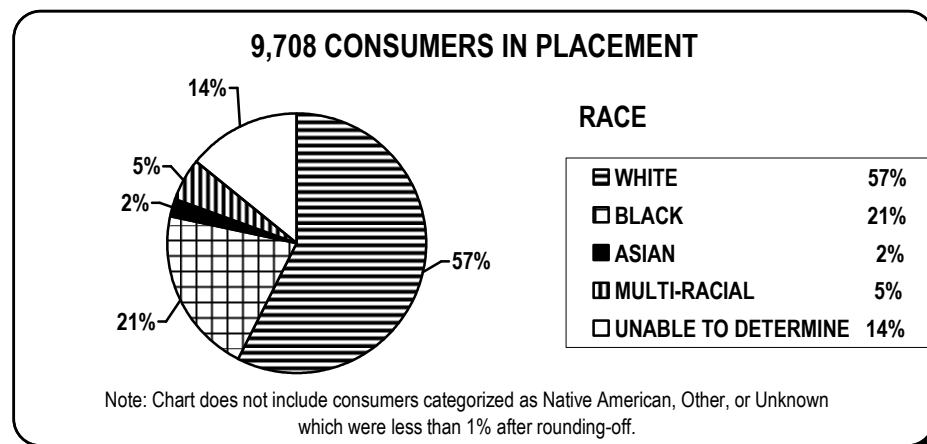
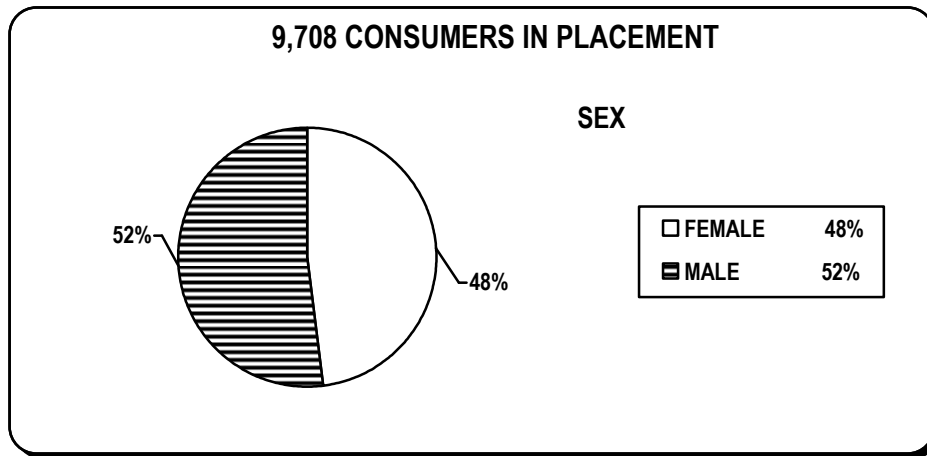
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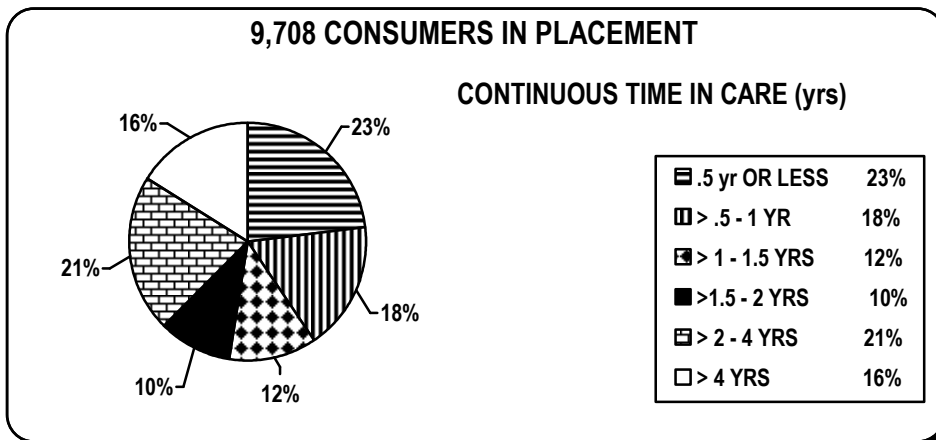
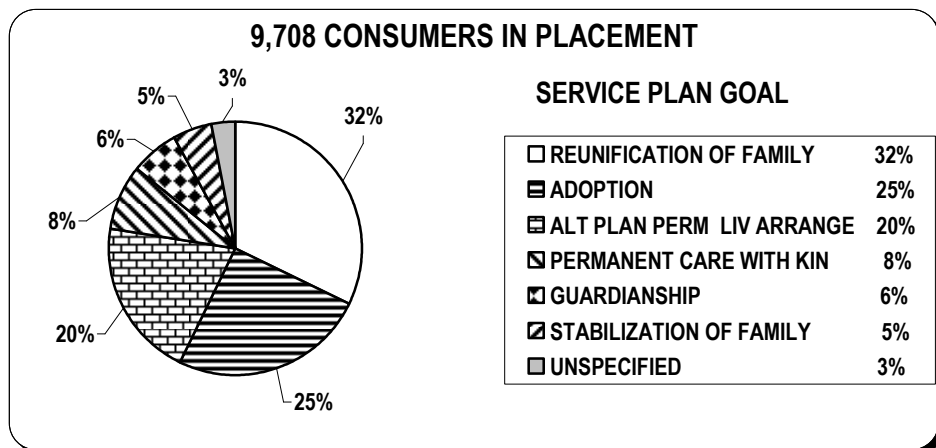
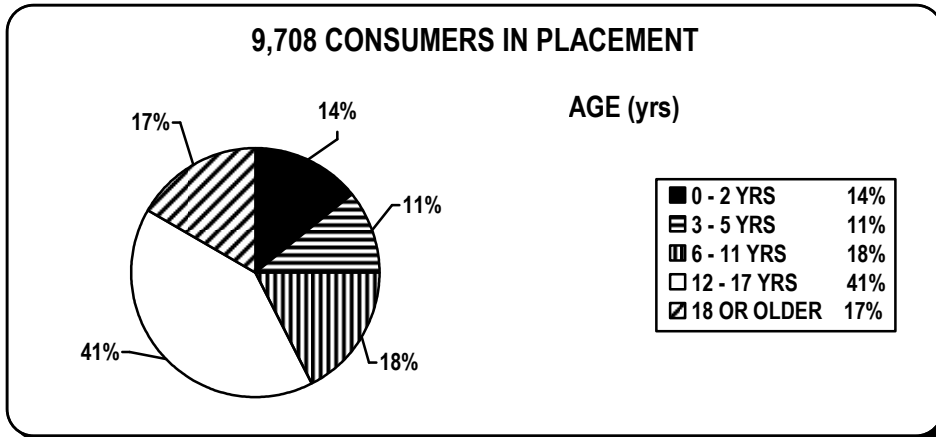
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<sup>(4)</sup> "Old" taxonomy

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN  
STATEWIDE: FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,  
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
STATEWIDE: FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:  
STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers																Total	
	Native								Unable to									
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other <sup>(1)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Determine		Unknown		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	1,289	23%	431	21%	52	25%	8	32%	---	---	128	24%	331	24%	---	---	2,239	23%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	988	18%	308	15%	42	20%	3	12%	---	---	90	17%	268	20%	---	---	1,699	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	682	12%	217	11%	31	15%	4	16%	---	---	62	12%	150	11%	2	100%	1,148	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	545	10%	229	11%	22	11%	1	4%	---	---	66	12%	127	9%	---	---	990	10%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,175	21%	453	22%	36	17%	6	24%	1	100%	123	23%	281	21%	---	---	2,075	21%
> 4yrs	879	16%	384	19%	24	12%	3	12%	---	---	60	11%	207	15%	---	---	1,557	16%
Total	5,558	100%	2,022	100%	207	100%	25	100%	1	100%	529	100%	1,364	100%	2	100%	9,708	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND  
CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin <sup>(1)</sup> of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	593	23%	1,518	23%	128	26%	---	---	2,239	23%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	431	17%	1,150	17%	118	24%	---	---	1,699	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	299	12%	796	12%	53	11%	---	---	1,148	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	247	10%	701	11%	41	8%	1	33%	990	10%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	548	22%	1,433	21%	94	19%	---	---	2,075	21%
> 4yrs	419	17%	1,069	16%	67	13%	2	67%	1,557	16%
Total	2,537	100%	6,667	100%	501	100%	3	100%	9,708	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

**TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers																Total	
	Native								Unable to									
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other <sup>(1)</sup>		Multi-Racial		Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,806	32%	618	31%	72	35%	10	40%	1	100%	163	31%	455	33%	2	100%	3,127	32%
Adoption	1,399	25%	419	21%	26	13%	5	20%	---	---	214	40%	360	26%	---	---	2,423	25%
APPLA <sup>(2)</sup>	1,069	19%	535	26%	56	27%	5	20%	---	---	49	9%	252	18%	---	---	1,966	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	477	9%	185	9%	18	9%	3	12%	---	---	22	4%	102	7%	---	---	807	8%
Guardianship	382	7%	120	6%	6	3%	1	4%	---	---	37	7%	61	4%	---	---	607	6%
Stabilization of Family	266	5%	96	5%	14	7%	1	4%	---	---	31	6%	83	6%	---	---	491	5%
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Unspecified as of run-date	159	3%	48	2%	15	7%	---	---	---	---	13	2%	51	4%	---	---	286	3%
Total	5,558	100%	2,022	100%	207	100%	25	100%	1	100%	529	100%	1,364	100%	2	100%	9,708	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Island <sup>(2)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

<sup>(3)</sup> old taxonomy

**TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	828	33%	2,125	32%	174	35%	---	---	3,127	32%
Adoption	667	26%	1,588	24%	168	34%	---	---	2,423	25%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	478	19%	1,423	21%	63	13%	2	67%	1,966	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	199	8%	581	9%	27	5%	---	---	807	8%
Guardianship	139	5%	445	7%	23	5%	---	---	607	6%
Stabilization of Family	146	6%	321	5%	24	5%	---	---	491	5%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	33%	1	*
Unspecified as of run-date	80	3%	184	3%	22	4%	---	---	286	3%
Total	2,537	100%	6,667	100%	501	100%	3	100%	9,708	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

<sup>(2)</sup> old taxonomy



**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total No. %	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	576	18%	360	12%	598	19%	1,569	50%	24	1%	3,127	100%
Adoption	654	27%	582	24%	811	33%	372	15%	4	*	2,423	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	1	0%	---	---	---	---	595	30%	1,370	70%	1,966	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	3	0%	6	1%	34	4%	668	83%	96	12%	807	100%
Guardianship	35	6%	66	11%	166	27%	309	51%	31	5%	607	100%
Stabilization of Family	55	11%	25	5%	58	12%	298	61%	55	11%	491	100%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	---	---	1	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	38	13%	24	8%	44	15%	146	51%	34	12%	286	100%
Total	1,362	14%	1,063	11%	1,711	18%	3,958	41%	1,614	17%	9,708	100%

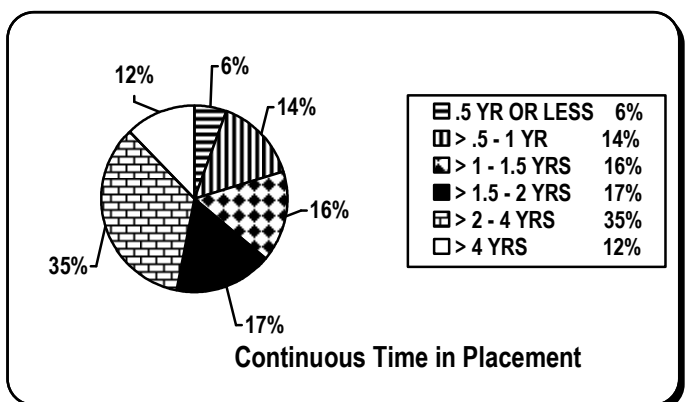
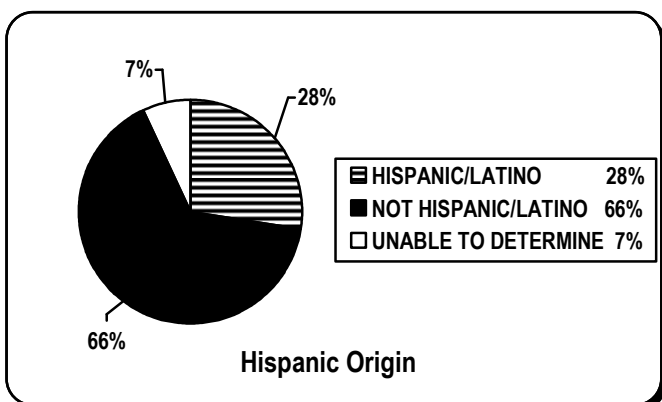
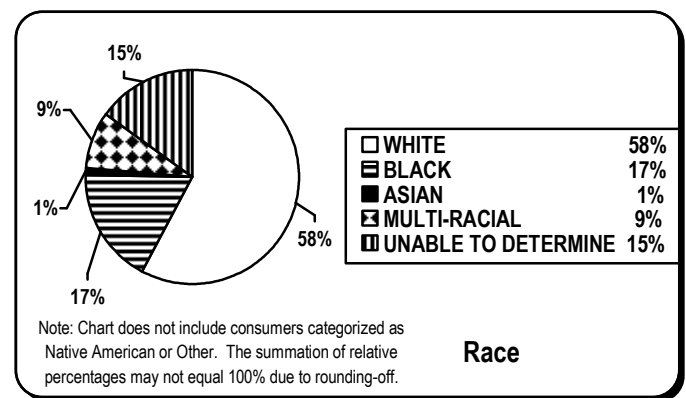
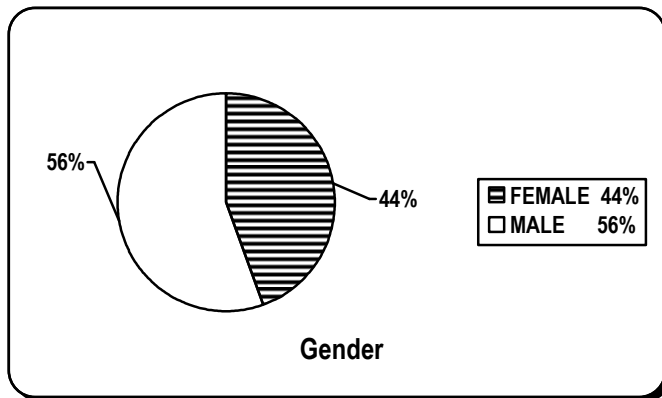
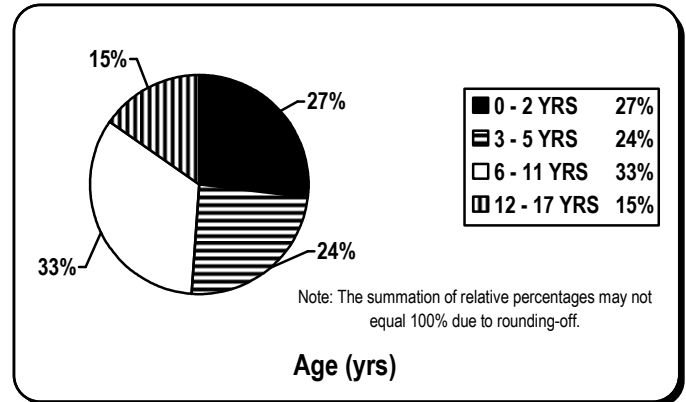
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:  
STATEWIDE FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total No. %	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,356	43%	949	30%	387	12%	187	6%	208	7%	40	1%	3,127	100%
Adoption	137	6%	351	14%	385	16%	415	17%	839	35%	296	12%	2,423	100%
APPLA <sup>(1)</sup>	149	8%	152	8%	149	8%	187	10%	556	28%	773	39%	1,966	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	61	8%	66	8%	76	9%	74	9%	232	29%	298	37%	807	100%
Guardianship	39	6%	68	11%	114	19%	103	17%	179	29%	104	17%	607	100%
Stabilization of Family	291	59%	88	18%	28	6%	15	3%	33	7%	36	7%	491	100%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	100%	1	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	206	72%	25	9%	9	3%	9	3%	28	10%	9	3%	286	100%
Total	2,239	23%	1,699	18%	1,148	12%	990	10%	2,075	21%	1,557	16%	9,708	100%

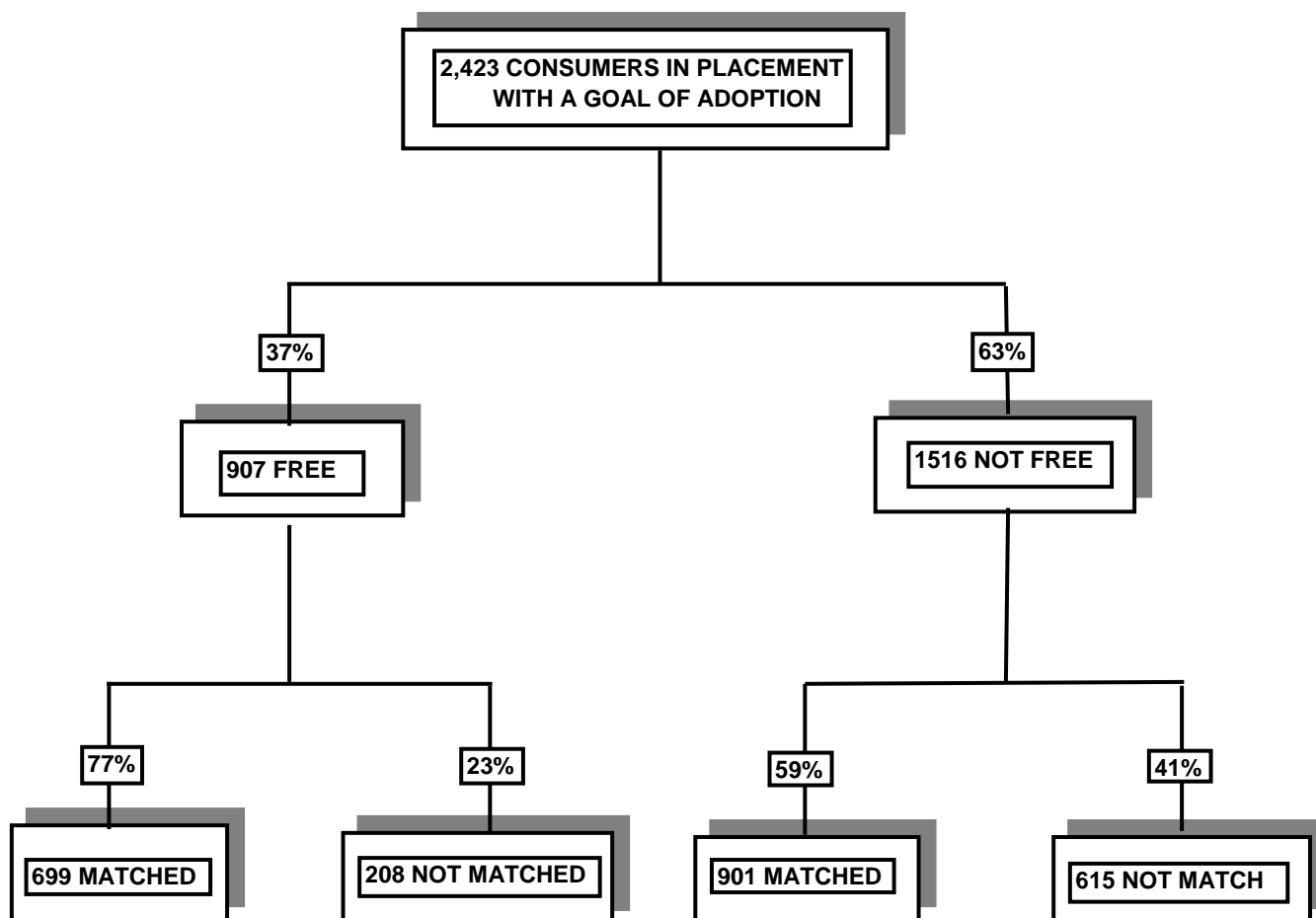
<sup>(1)</sup> Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

<sup>(2)</sup> old taxonomy

**FIGURE 12A. AGE, SEX, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT  
OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



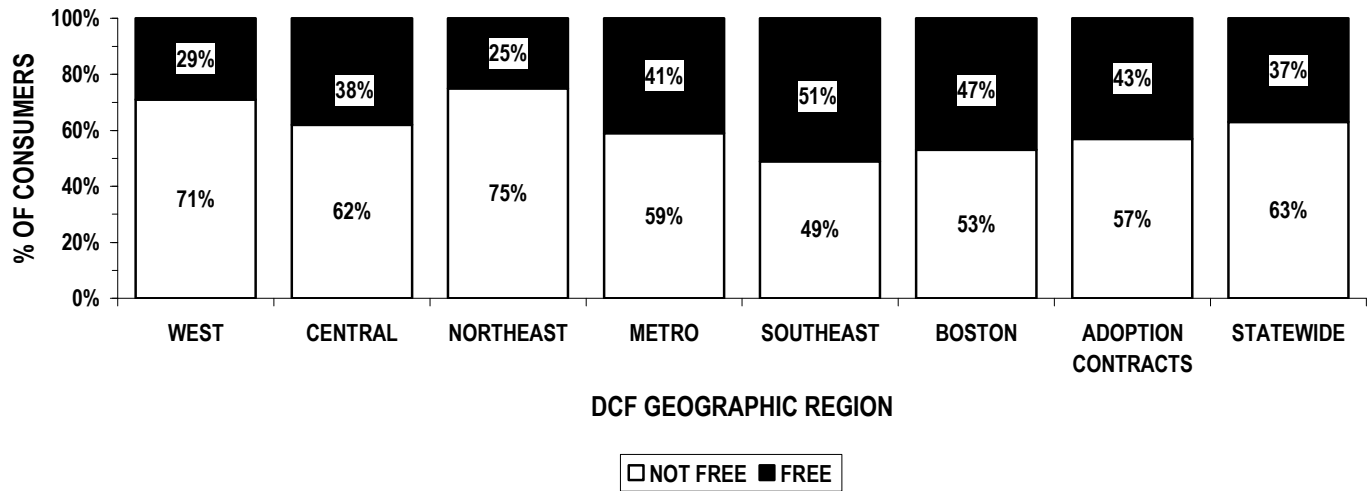
**FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:  
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



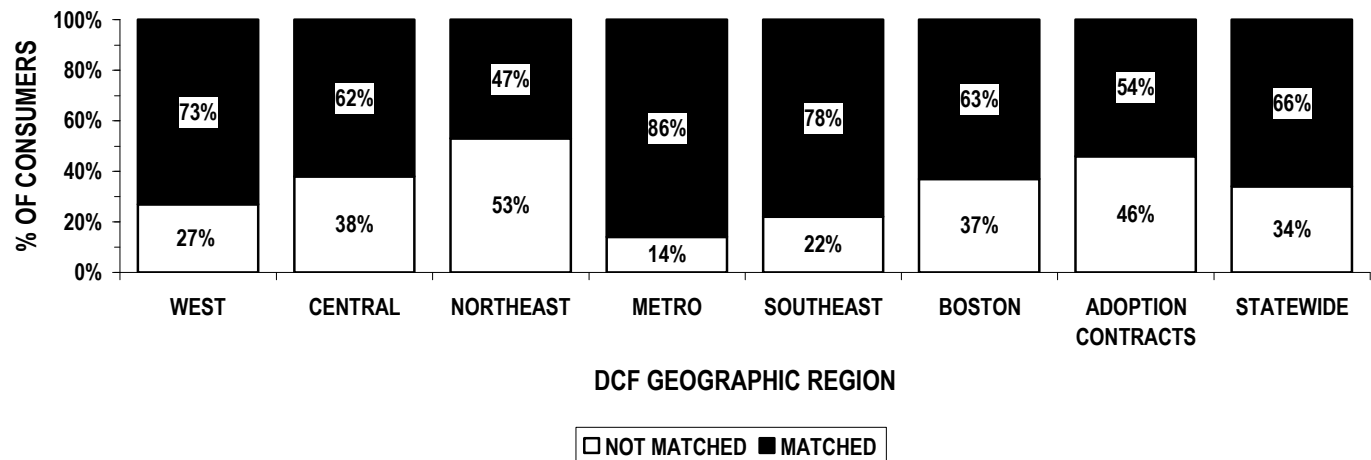
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION  
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY  
FY'2010, END OF 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**



### Case Intakes (Openings)

- Counts of case and consumer intakes have been updated for the past four quarters (Fig 14).<sup>21</sup> All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, there were 2,574 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,674 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DCF. Consumers who entered the DCF system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B** on next page)
- By the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, case openings were 11% higher and consumer openings were 8% higher than the previous quarter. However, intake counts for the first three quarters of FY'2010 were appreciably lower than the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2009 when there were 3,231 case openings and 21,062 consumer openings. (**Fig. 14** on page 43)
- Eighty-three percent of case intakes and 86% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 5% of case intakes and 4% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 5% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**) It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include CHINS children, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 75-88% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 3-8% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 2-7% of the total intakes for each region. (**Fig. 13** on page 43, **Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals, voluntary requests, and supported maltreatment reports were highest in the following regions: Southeast had 37 case openings by CHINS; Northeast had 27 by voluntaries; and the West and Southeast each had 454 openings by supported reports (**Table 9A**).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (**Fig. 14** on page 44). This quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports (**Fig. 21** on page 57).

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<sup>21</sup> Requests for counts prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY'2009 (4/1-6/30/09) may be made to Tony Felix at the Department of Children & Families, Office of Management, Planning & Analysis.

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Voluntary										
	Protective		CHINS		Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	454	85%	23	4%	13	2%	4	1%	40	7%	534
Central	364	88%	19	5%	11	3%	8	2%	13	3%	415
Northeast	278	75%	18	5%	27	7%	18	5%	29	8%	370
Metro	311	86%	12	3%	24	7%	7	2%	7	2%	361
Southeast	454	82%	37	7%	26	5%	21	4%	19	3%	557
Boston	264	79%	28	8%	15	5%	4	1%	22	7%	333
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	4	100%	---	---	---	---	4
Total:	2,125	83%	137	5%	120	5%	62	2%	130	5%	2,574

<sup>(1)</sup> An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES<sup>(1)</sup> DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Counts <sup>(1)</sup>										Total No.
	Protective		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other <sup>(2)</sup>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	3,128	89%	149	4%	114	3%	44	1%	71	2%	3,506
Central	2,110	87%	117	5%	83	3%	75	3%	29	1%	2,414
Northeast	1,859	81%	159	7%	129	6%	92	4%	52	2%	2,291
Metro	1,942	87%	79	4%	133	6%	52	2%	18	1%	2,224
Southeast	2,751	84%	246	8%	125	4%	108	3%	49	1%	3,279
Boston	1,699	87%	136	7%	36	2%	61	3%	24	1%	1,956
Other <sup>(3)</sup>	---	---	---	---	3	100%	---	---	---	---	3
Missing	1	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total:	13,490	86%	886	6%	623	4%	432	3%	243	2%	15,674

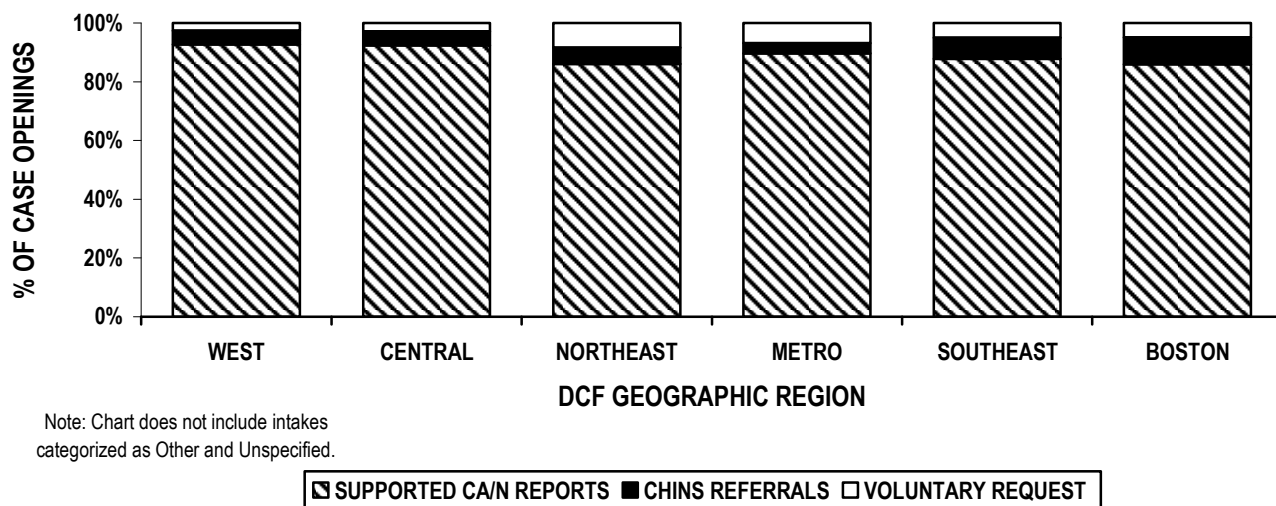
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Unduplicated counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter.

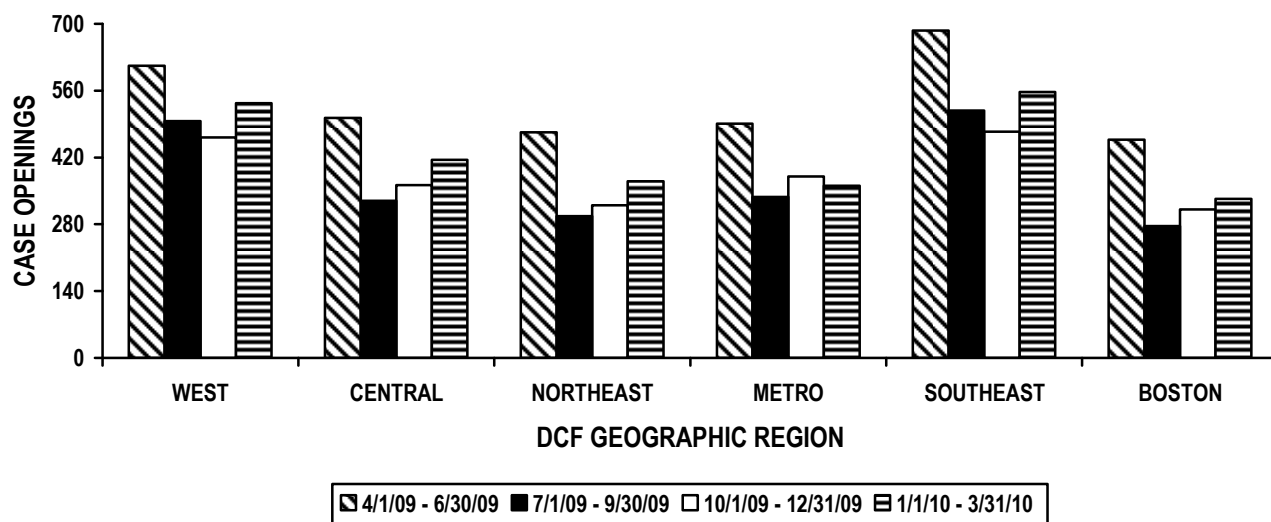
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER)**



### **Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter**

- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, 1,869 consumers entered placement and 1,889 consumers left placement.<sup>22</sup> These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11 on page 46)
- Compared to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY'2010, there was a 12% increase in consumers entering placement and 11% decrease in consumers leaving placement during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

### **Entries to Placement**

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, 61% were first-time entrants and 39% were re-entrants.<sup>23</sup> Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 53% in the Northeast to 68% in Central. (Table 10, Fig. 15 on page 47)
- The 1,869 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 25% (West), 19% (Southeast), 17% (Northeast), 15% (Central), 12% (Metro), and 12% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 69% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 26% were placed in congregate care,<sup>24</sup> and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.<sup>25</sup>
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 53% in Metro to 77% in both the West and Central. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 17% in both the West and Central to 43% in Metro. (Table 10, Fig. 16 on page 47)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-four percent of first-time entrants and 58% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 31% of re-entrants and 22% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

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<sup>22</sup> For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

<sup>23</sup> Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

<sup>24</sup> Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

<sup>25</sup> Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.



### **Exits from Placement**

- Statewide, 65% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 60% in Central to 68% in the Southeast. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 8% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 10% were emancipated, and 4% were granted guardianships. **(Table 11)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 6% in Boston to 12% in Metro. The proportion emancipated ranged from 6% in the West to 14% in the Northeast. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 2% in the West to 6% in both Metro and Central. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>First-Time Entrants:</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,141</b>
Foster Care	231	159	112	74	166	102	3	847
Congregate Care	35	24	46	60	56	32	---	253
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	7	7	10	4	8	4	1	41
<b>Re-Entrants:</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>728</b>
Foster Care	129	58	75	49	79	58	1	449
Congregate Care	44	22	59	39	37	23	---	224
Non-Referral Location <sup>(2)</sup>	16	8	14	6	7	4	---	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,869</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

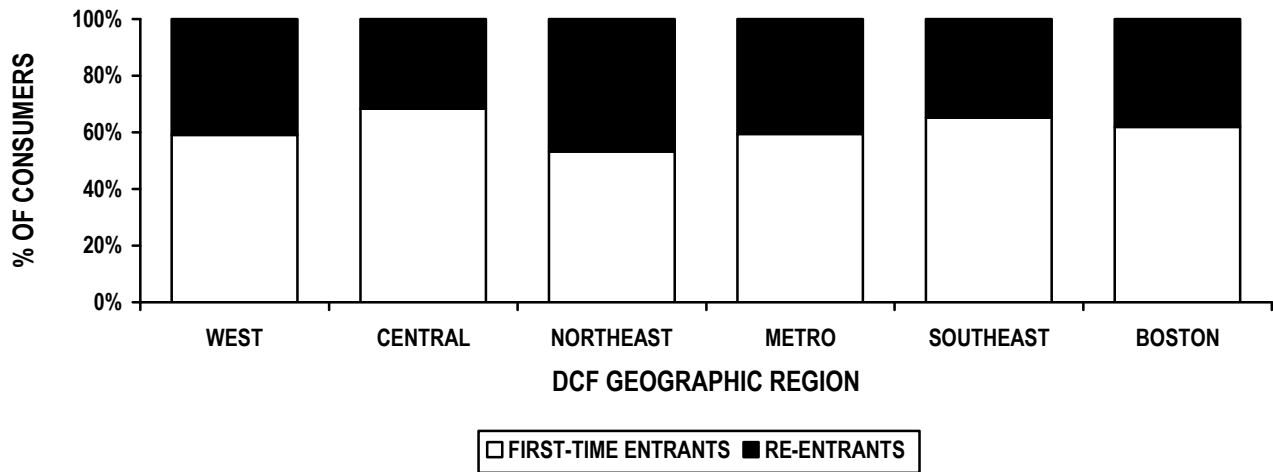
<sup>(2)</sup> Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

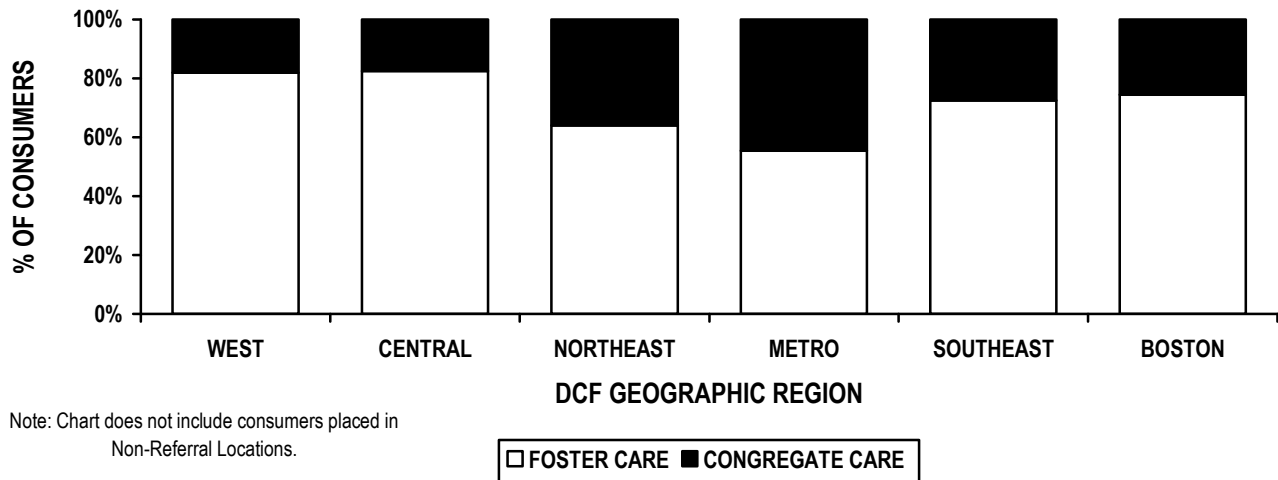
Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other <sup>(1)</sup>	
Child Returned Home	277	174	210	168	251	156	---	1,236
Child 18 or Older	24	28	44	34	34	18	3	185
Consumer Adopted	37	36	22	19	30	14	---	158
Guardianship	8	17	12	16	14	11	---	78
Custody to Other Individual	26	6	12	3	10	17	---	74
Custody to Other Agency	3	1	---	1	---	1	---	6
Unspecified	26	28	20	23	28	26	1	152
<b>Total</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,889</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT  
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

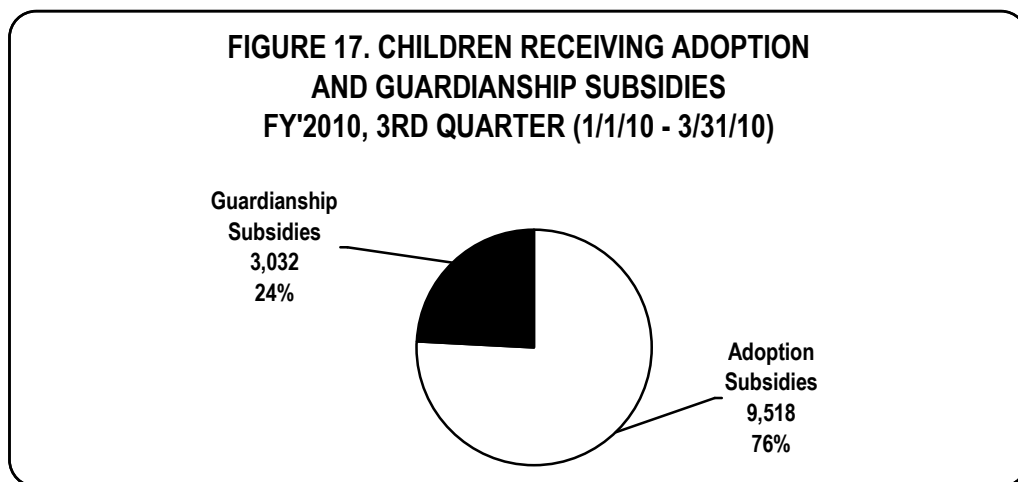


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER  
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**



## Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 9,518 (Fig. 17). Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,032. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number of service referrals actively paying out.



From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, both adoption and guardianship subsidies declined 1%. Typically, adoption and guardianship fluctuate from -1 to 1% (See table below).

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2007	1 <sup>st</sup>	---	2,970	---
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1%	2,937	-1%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	*	2,980	1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	-1%	2,978	*
FY'2008	1 <sup>st</sup>	*	2,964	*
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1%	2,971	*
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	*	2,992	1%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	-1%	2,996	*
FY'2009	1 <sup>st</sup>	*	3,005	*
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	*	3,031	1%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	*	3,082	2%
	4 <sup>th</sup>	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 <sup>st</sup>	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	-1%	3,032	-1%

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

## **Foster Homes**<sup>26</sup>

- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, there were 3,860 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes<sup>27</sup> as well as unrestricted homes.<sup>28</sup> There were 1,875 restricted and 1,985 unrestricted foster homes. (**Table 12A** on page 51)
- At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a level of 52% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at 52-53% until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2007 through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, the proportion of restricted homes fluctuated between 49% and 51%. (**See graph** on next page)
- Statewide, 80% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 63% were married. (**Table 12A, Table 12C** on page 52)
- Statewide, 71% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 51% were married. (**Tables 12A and 12C**)
- Twelve percent (461) of all foster homes were identified as Black (244 restricted and 217 unrestricted). (**Table 12A**)
- Fifteen percent (579) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (273 restricted and 306 unrestricted). (**Table 12B** on page 51)

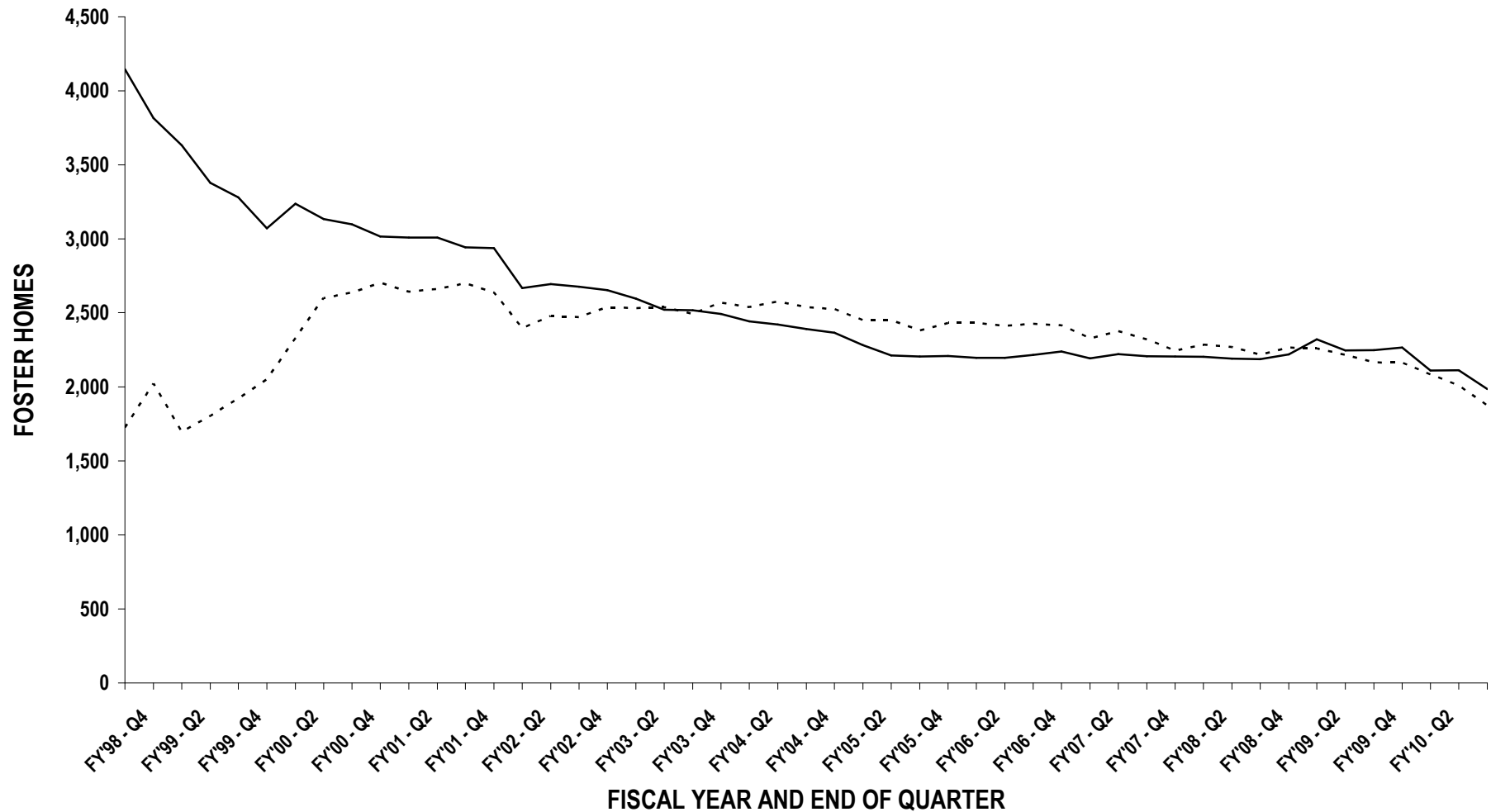
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<sup>26</sup> Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

<sup>27</sup> Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

<sup>28</sup> Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

# **RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES\*** **END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'2010 (3/31/10)**



\* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

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**TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION: FY'2010. End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts <sup>1</sup>		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	353		293		345		230		458		160		36	
White	285	81%	181	62%	246	71%	169	73%	377	82%	52	33%	24	67%
Black	41	12%	12	4%	31	9%	29	13%	45	10%	82	51%	4	11%
Asian	1	*	4	1%	14	4%	1	*	---	---	1	1%	---	---
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	1%	---	---	---	---
Other <sup>2</sup>	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	---	---	1	*	3	1%	1	*	2	*	---	---	---	---
Unable to Determine <sup>3</sup>	26	7%	93	32%	48	14%	29	13%	25	5%	23	14%	5	14%
Missing	---	---	---	---	3	1%	1	*	3	1%	2	1%	3	8%
Unrestricted:	456		301		235		282		468		171		72	
White	377	83%	252	84%	192	82%	241	85%	397	85%	66	39%	67	93%
Black	44	10%	8	3%	14	6%	31	11%	31	7%	85	50%	4	6%
Asian	1	*	---	---	8	3%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Unable to Determine <sup>3</sup>	17	4%	4	1%	3	1%	3	1%	1	*	---	---	---	---
Unknown	16	4%	37	12%	16	7%	7	2%	35	7%	20	12%	---	---
Missing	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	809		594		580		512		926		331		108	

<sup>1</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

<sup>3</sup> Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

**TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DCF REGION: FY'2010. End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10)**

	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts <sup>1</sup>		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	353		293		345		230		458		160		36		1,875	
Hispanic/Latino	60	17%	47	16%	77	22%	16	7%	30	7%	34	21%	9	25%	273	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	278	79%	175	60%	252	73%	195	85%	413	90%	122	76%	24	67%	1,459	78%
Unable to Determine <sup>2</sup>	14	4%	70	24%	15	4%	19	8%	11	2%	3	2%	---	---	132	7%
Missing	1	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	4	1%	1	1%	3	8%	11	1%
Unrestricted:	456		301		235		282		468		171		72		1,985	
Hispanic/Latino	96	21%	63	21%	55	23%	8	3%	44	9%	37	22%	3	4%	306	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	357	78%	228	76%	172	73%	265	94%	410	88%	134	78%	69	96%	1,635	82%
Unable to Determine <sup>2</sup>	3	1%	10	3%	6	3%	9	3%	13	3%	---	---	---	---	41	2%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	809		594		580		512		926		331		108		3,860	

<sup>1</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

<sup>2</sup> Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her Hispanic origin.

**TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION: FY'2010, End of 3RD QUARTER (3/31/10) <sup>(1)</sup>**

DCF Geographic Region															Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts <sup>(2)</sup>			
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	353		293		345		230		458		160		36		1,875	
Married	195	55%	183	62%	173	50%	110	48%	242	53%	43	27%	17	47%	963	51%
Single	88	25%	71	24%	99	29%	74	32%	114	25%	77	48%	11	31%	534	28%
Divorced	47	13%	28	10%	43	12%	26	11%	64	14%	21	13%	6	17%	235	13%
Widowed	12	3%	5	2%	14	4%	13	6%	24	5%	12	8%	1	3%	81	4%
Separated	10	3%	6	2%	15	4%	6	3%	12	3%	5	3%	---	---	54	3%
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	1	*	1	*	2	*	2	1%	1	3%	8	*
Unrestricted:	456		301		235		282		468		171		72		1,985	
Married	296	65%	223	74%	135	57%	191	68%	302	65%	53	31%	51	71%	1,251	63%
Single	79	17%	41	14%	49	21%	62	22%	83	18%	78	46%	16	22%	408	21%
Divorced	53	12%	28	9%	37	16%	21	7%	59	13%	26	15%	5	7%	229	12%
Widowed	14	3%	8	3%	5	2%	4	1%	9	2%	10	6%	---	---	50	3%
Separated	14	3%	1	*	8	3%	4	1%	15	3%	4	2%	---	---	46	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Total	809		594		580		512		926		331		108		3,860	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.



## **Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, Initial Assessments, and DA Referrals**

In August 2009, DCF implemented a “Differential Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. The differential response allows reports to be screened-in for an investigation response or an initial assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An assessment response provides an alternative to a CPS investigation. DCF is able to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation of an allegation. The initial assessment response cannot be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect.

### **Reports**

- Statewide, 20,210 reports were recorded during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY’2010. Forty-five percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 15% were screened-in for initial assessment. Eight percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13 on page 55)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,839) and Southeast (2,900). The Judge Baker Children’s Center (hotline) recorded 5,266 reports.
- Regional screen-in rates for an investigation response ranged from 31% in Metro to 52% in the Southeast. The screen-in rate for investigations at the Judge Baker Children’s Center was 53%. **(Table 13, Fig. 18 on page 56)**
- Regional screen-in rates for initial assessments ranged from 12% in the Southeast to 24% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate for initial assessments at the Judge Baker Children’s Center was 11%. **(Table 13, Fig. 18)**
- The DCF Regions screened-in 2-5% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 22% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 7% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY’2010. Regional changes ranged from 5% in both Central and Boston to 10% in both the West and Southeast. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 21 on page 57)**

## Initial Assessments

- There were 2,483 initial assessments completed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010. In 39% of the initial assessments, the assessment decision was "concern" and in 61% the decision was "low or no concern." The assessment decisions are defined as "concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services" and "no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect." (**Table 14B** on page 55, **Fig. 20** on page 56)

## Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010 was 7,304.<sup>29</sup> Seventy-five of these investigations resulted from report(s) screened-in for initial assessment. This conversion from an initial assessment to an investigation occurred because during the initial assessment: (1) DCF received another child maltreatment report on a family; or (2) the DCF social worker filed a report on the family. In both cases, the filed reports met the criteria for a mandatory CPS investigation response. Of the 75 above-mentioned investigations, the allegations of maltreatment were supported for 54 and unsupported for 21.
- Fifty-eight percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 14A** on page 55)
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (1,523 and 1,417, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 54% in the Northeast to a high of 61% in the West. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 71% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 14A, Fig. 19** on page 56)
- Statewide, investigations decreased 6% from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter decline occurred because more reports were being screened-in for initial assessment rather than for investigation. Regional changes in investigations ranged from -19% in Metro to 5% in Central. (**Figs. 22 and 23** on page 57)

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<sup>29</sup> The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports for investigation. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

**TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision								Total No. %	
	Screened-Out No. %		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment No. %			
			Non-Emergency No. %		Emergency No. %					
West	1,578	41%	1,520	40%	175	5%	566	15%	3,839	19%
Central	818	36%	895	39%	124	5%	461	20%	2,298	11%
Northeast	1,031	44%	670	28%	90	4%	567	24%	2,358	12%
Metro	1,082	52%	597	29%	40	2%	345	17%	2,064	10%
Southeast	1,059	37%	1,430	49%	72	2%	339	12%	2,900	14%
Boston	488	33%	671	46%	71	5%	242	16%	1,472	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,861	35%	1,680	32%	1,134	22%	591	11%	5,266	26%
Special Investigations	4	31%	9	69%	---	---	---	---	13	*
Total	7,921	39%	7,472	37%	1,706	8%	3,111	15%	20,210	100%

**TABLE 14A. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

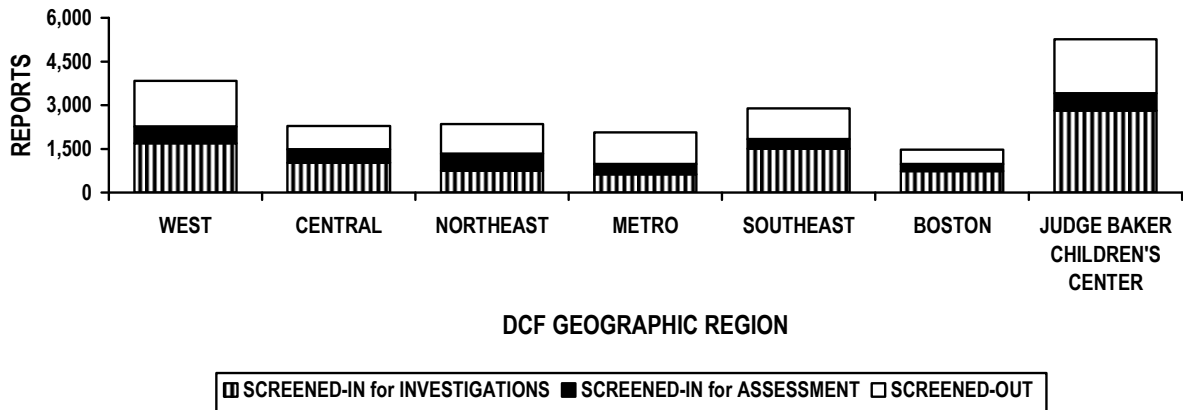
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total No. %	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%		
West	860	61%	557	39%	1,417	19%
Central	560	60%	369	40%	929	13%
Northeast	441	54%	370	46%	811	11%
Metro	387	56%	299	44%	686	9%
Southeast	841	55%	682	45%	1,523	21%
Boston	459	59%	318	41%	777	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	640	71%	256	29%	896	12%
Special Investigations	50	19%	215	81%	265	4%
Total	4,238	58%	3,066	42%	7,304	100%

**TABLE 14B. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

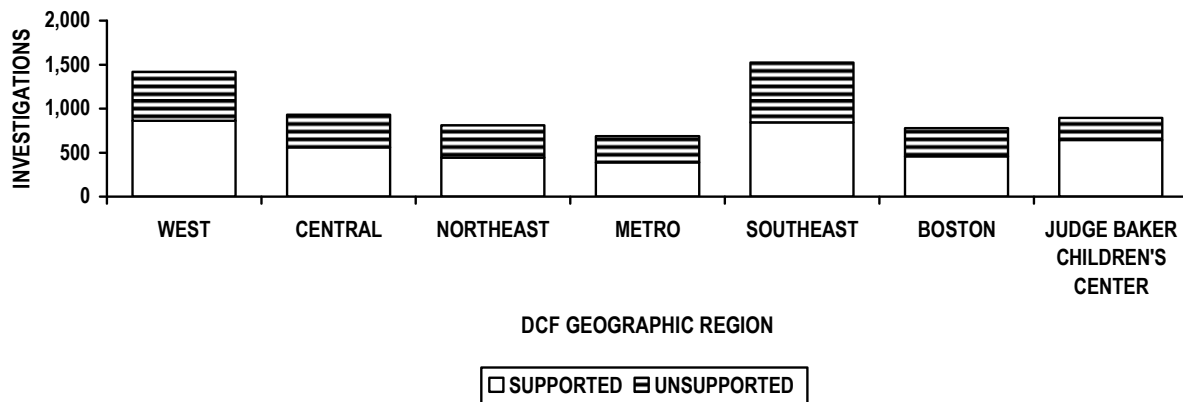
DCF Geographic Region	Assessment Decision				Total	
	Concern		Low/No Concern			
	No.	%	No.	%		
West	229	44%	295	56%	524	21%
Central	178	41%	258	59%	436	18%
Northeast	184	30%	363	66%	547	22%
Metro	164	45%	246	60%	410	17%
Southeast	108	35%	201	65%	309	12%
Boston	103	40%	154	60%	257	10%
Total	966	39%	1,517	61%	2,483	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

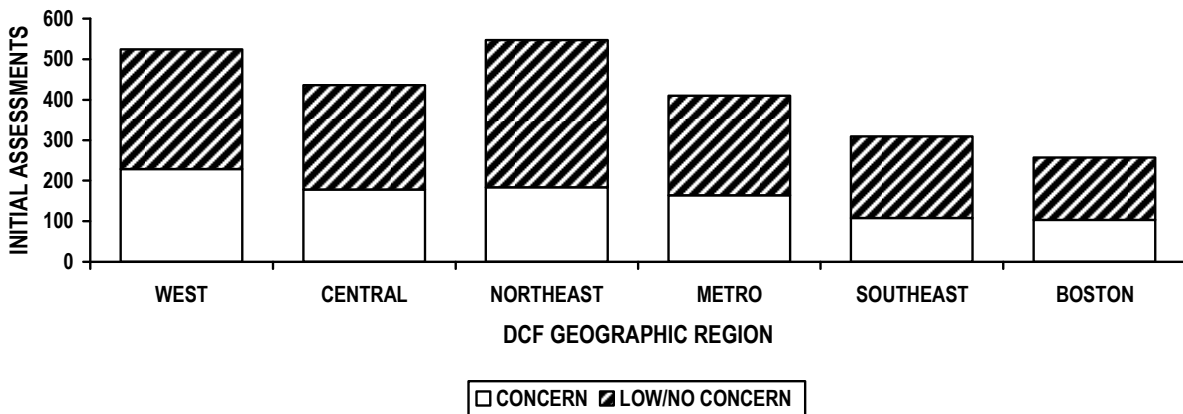
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS  
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**



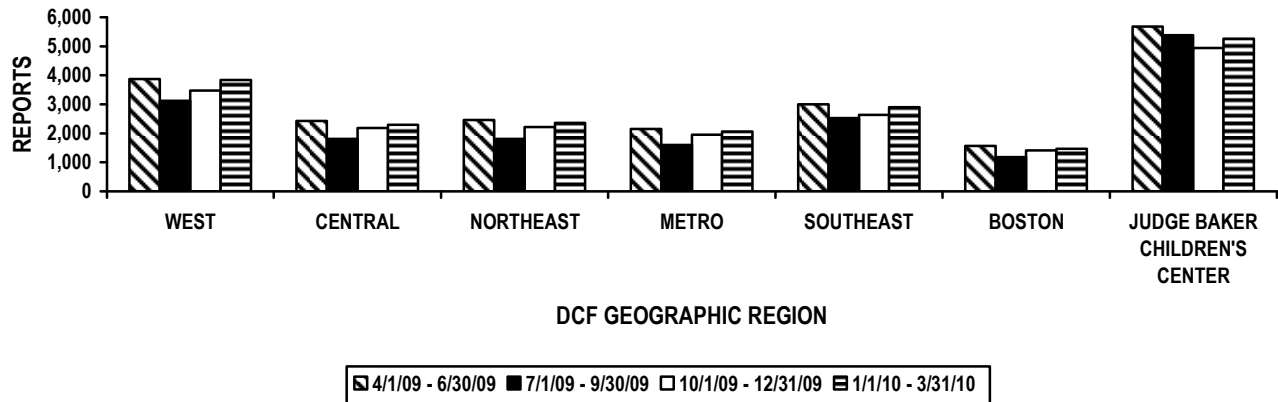
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS  
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/010 - 3/31/010)**



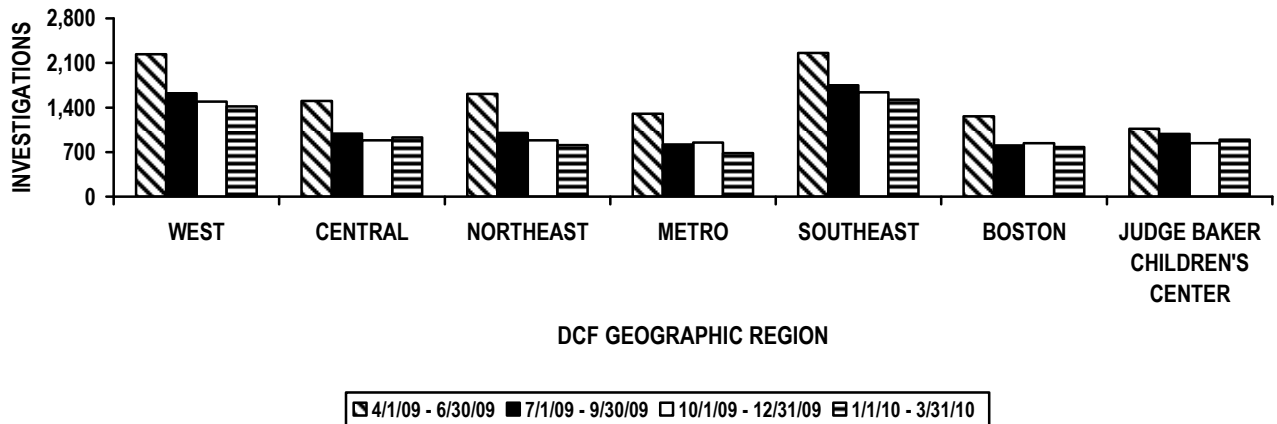
**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS  
(INITIAL ASSESSMENTS DECISION BY DCF REGION)  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**



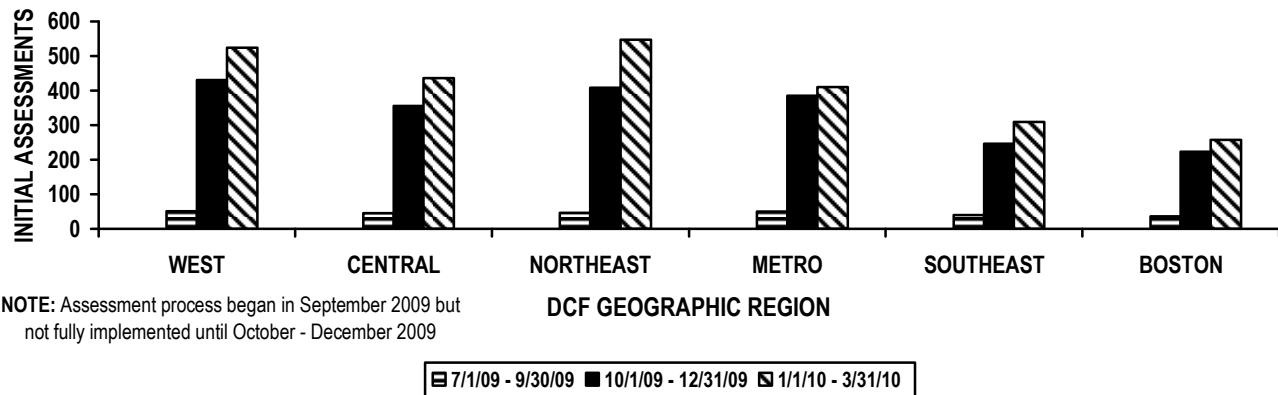
**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 22. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2009, 4TH QUARTER - FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 23. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INITIAL ASSESSMENTS BY DCF REGION  
(FY'2010, 1ST QUARTER - FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER)**



## DA Referrals

- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010, 1,398 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-six percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals<sup>30</sup> and 44% were discretionary referrals<sup>31</sup> (**Fig. 24** on page 61). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past three fiscal years (See table below).

**Case Referrals\***

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>2,089</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,399</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>4,581</b>
FY'2006, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'2006, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'2006, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'2006, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>4,743</b>
FY'2007, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'2007, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'2007, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'2007, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>4,710</b>
FY'2008, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'2008, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191
FY'2008, Q3	656	49%	691	51%	1,347
FY'2008, Q4	771	51%	735	49%	1,506
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5,213</b>
FY'2009, Q1	676	52%	631	48%	1,307
FY'2009, Q2	740	51%	710	49%	1,450
FY'2009, Q3	705	50%	706	50%	1,411
FY'2009, Q4	806	52%	737	48%	1,543
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,927</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,784</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>5,711</b>
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398

\* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

<sup>30</sup> Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

<sup>31</sup> There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 79% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals<sup>32</sup> during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY'2010 (**Fig. 25** on page 61, **Table 15** on page 62). Nineteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

#### Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death <sup>33</sup>		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
<b>FY'2003 Total</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,168</b>
<b>FY'2004 Total</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,189</b>
<b>FY'2005 Total</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,184</b>
FY'2006, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'2006, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'2006, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'2006, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
<b>FY'2006 Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,150</b>
FY'2007, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'2007, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'2007, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'2007, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
<b>FY'2007 Total</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,356</b>
FY'2008, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'2008, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611
FY'2008, Q3	534	79%	127	19%	11	2%	672
FY'2008, Q4	602	76%	181	23%	5	1%	788
<b>FY'2008 Total</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2,639</b>
FY'2009, Q1	569	81%	127	18%	7	1%	703
FY'2009, Q2	629	82%	130	17%	7	1%	766
FY'2009, Q3	577	80%	140	19%	4	1%	721
FY'2009, Q4	638	77%	175	21%	11	1%	824
<b>FY'2009 Total</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3,014</b>
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	804

\* = less than 1% after rounding-off

<sup>32</sup> **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

<sup>33</sup> Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- Table 16 (on page 62) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates<sup>34</sup> for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected while Berkshire and Hampden (encompasses the city of Springfield) Counties had higher numbers of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 62) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 73% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 78% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

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<sup>34</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder. DP-1. General Demographic Characteristics Data Set: 2008 Population Estimates. Children less than 18 years old residing in Massachusetts Counties as of July 2008. ([factfinder.census.gov/home/en/official\\_estimates\\_2008.html](http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/official_estimates_2008.html))



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FIGURE 24. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

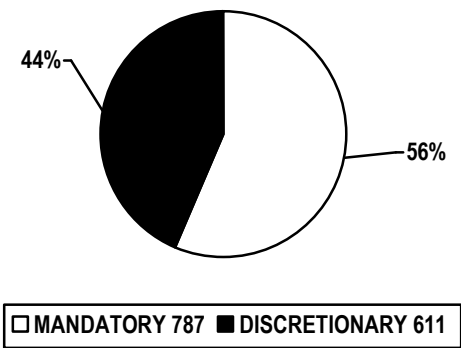
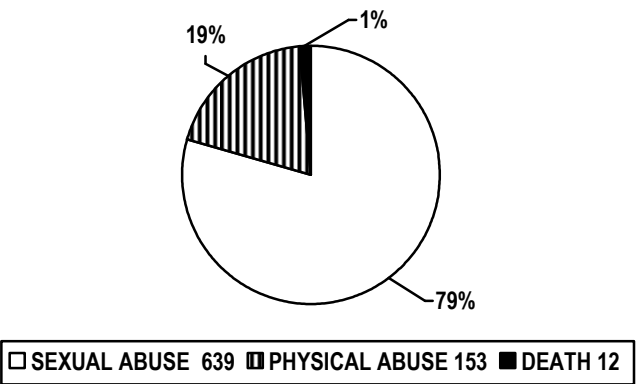


FIGURE 25. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: <sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons <sup>(1)</sup>	
	No.	%
<b>Sexual Abuse:</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>79%</b>
Sexual Assault	600	
Sexual Exploitation	39	
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<b>Serious Physical Abuse:</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>19%</b>
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<b>Death:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>
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<b>Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Case Referrals				Total No.	2008 Children Less than 18 years old (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Middlesex	80	30%	186	70%	266	320,756
Essex	97	38%	160	62%	257	172,265
Worcester	75	35%	139	65%	214	184,830
Suffolk	115	56%	91	44%	206	144,497
Hampden	75	61%	47	39%	122	108,871
Berkshire	34	49%	36	51%	70	24,816
Bristol	31	45%	38	55%	69	122,838
Norfolk	36	61%	23	39%	59	148,031
Plymouth	45	78%	13	22%	58	117,842
Hampshire	12	44%	15	56%	27	24,825
Franklin	---	---	17	100%	17	13,568
Barnstable	4	24%	13	76%	17	38,609
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,349
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---	2,936
OUT OF STATE	7	44%	9	56%	16	---
Total	611		787		1,398	

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: <sup>(1)</sup>  
FY'2010, 3RD QUARTER (1/1/10 - 3/31/10)**

County <sup>(2)</sup>	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals <sup>(1)</sup>					Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	Unspecified No.	
Middlesex	151	12	23	2	---	188
Worcester	109	1	27	2	---	139
Essex	110	9	48	2	---	169
Suffolk	65	9	21	---	---	95
Hampden	34	3	9	2	---	48
Bristol	32	2	3	2	---	39
Norfolk	15	---	8	---	---	23
Berkshire	27	2	5	2	---	36
Franklin	17	---	---	---	---	17
Plymouth	9	---	4	---	---	13
Barnstable	11	---	2	---	---	13
Hampshire	13	1	1	---	---	15
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	7	---	2	---	---	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>804</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

<sup>(2)</sup> County where the child resides.